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Attached is a description of WJW Television news programming addressing the key concerns and issues of this community during the period of July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

During the third quarter of 2006 the following issues were addressed by WJW.

- Environment/Weather
- Government
- Education
- Crime
- Environment/Health
- Health/Safety
- Local Economy

A list of Public Service Announcements is also attached.

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FOX 8 News is WJW's primary local means of educating the public. A team of reporters work throughout the week to produce a series of newscasts featuring daily news as well as insight into key problems and issues. (60 minutes, Monday through Friday 5:00 am, 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 30 minutes at 12 Noon, 60 minutes at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.; 30 minutes Saturdays and 60 minutes Sundays 6:00 p.m. and 60 minutes at 10:00 p.m., and 60 minutes at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER

Issue: Flooding

News July 2, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:05 Local

President Bush declared a major disaster in six Ohio counties, and he is making federal assistance available to victims who qualify. Folks on Murray Road in Valley View are still cleaning up and for them the news is good. Last week the waters came up fast on Murray Road and reached the first floor in many homes leaving inches of mud on the floors and furniture in ruins. FEMA surveyed the flooded areas and so did Governor Taft.

The governor requested federal assistance, and Sunday President Bush declared a major disaster in Stark, Sandusky, Lucas, Huron, Erie and Cuyahoga Counties. Homeowners and renters are eligible for grants to replace personal property, home repairs, medical insurance and transportation. There is also assistance to help pay for temporary housing. Residents can start calling tomorrow morning to apply for assistance. You need to call 1-800-621-FEMA. The assistance is available to all flood victims, but if you have insurance the amount of assistance you get will depend on what the insurance covers.

Additional reports

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News	July 3, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
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News	July 3, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	July 3, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	July 3, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 3, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:55	Local
News	July 3, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local

News July 6, 2006 10:00PM TRT 3:05 Local

Flooding destruction turns into confusion after last week's devastating storms. Norwalk's mayor says some people mistakenly thought they applied for aid when they reported their losses to city hall, but that wasn't for FEMA assistance. The mayor says the city only asked for the information to get FEMA to visit the area. In order to get help flood victims must call FEMA. If you suffered any loss during the storm, you can 1-800-621-FEMA for help. You can also log onto FEMA's website, www.fema.gov. Victims in six counties qualify for assistance.

Additional reports

News	July 7, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:10	Local
News	July 7, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:05	Local
News	July 7, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:10	Local

News July 8, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:10 Local

A week after President Bush signed off on federal flood assistance for northern Ohio, there is now a place where you can make your case for help. FEMA opened up disaster recovery centers in four locations. This center opened at Valley View's Village Hall and there are centers in Brewster, Norwalk and Toledo.

Additional reports

News	July 8, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 1:05	Local
News	July 9, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:05	Local
News	July 10, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 10, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:01	Local
News	July 10, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 1:01	Local

News July 10, 2006 10:00PM TRT 5:18 Local

Skyfox is overhead for a look at what's left of a popular local campground. Not everyone shared in this afternoon's strong storms, but where they hit, the storms hit hard. Loudonville which sits along the Mohican River is known as the canoe capital of Ohio and after all that rain canoe was

about the only way you could get around. People in that area say the rain started coming down around 3:00pm and didn't stop for about 3 hours. Roads in and around Loudonville had to be closed. At least two people were rescued from their homes after rising water trapped them inside. Campers at Mohican were evacuated after the campground became swamped with water.

What may have been a tornado left damaged homes and downed trees in its wake in Stark County. Dozens of trees are toppled and branches splintered, damaging homes and flattening this parking garage at an apartment complex. Bruce Strawder owns a construction company that specializes in disaster restoration, and this time the disaster is in his back yard. One of the many large tree branches that cracked under the strain of the winds crashed into his swimming pool. A Plain Township woman was in her house, heard the hail, the winds and a boom and discovered several of her trees had crashed into her house. Families who now face a costly clean-up from nature's fury know the storm easily could have exacted a much greater toll.

It will be up to the National Weather Service to determine if the damage was caused by straight line winds or a tornado after investigators conduct an aerial inspection. The high winds from this morning's storm cut loose one of the docks at the East 55th Street Marina. The storm that swept through Cleveland snapped some of the cables that kept Dock F in place. People at the marina watched the dock pulling away from the shore. Engineers are looking at ways to fix the dock which could take weeks to complete. Marina workers pulled the dock back in using a chain. It will be nearly two weeks before the dock can be used again. Those same thunderstorms rolled through much of our area, dumping heavy rain along the way. Drivers on I-90 had to think twice before taking the exit ramp at East 55th. Several inches of water covered the roadway, making it a rough ride for motorists trying to push through.

Additional reports

News	July 10, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:09	Local
News	July 10, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 3:44	Local
News	July 10, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 4:25	Local
News	July 11, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 6:20	Local
News	July 11, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 5:12	Local
News	July 11, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 5:50	Local
News	July 11, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 4:15	Local
News	July 11, 2006	Noon	TRT 2:49	Local

News	July 11, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 4:38	Local
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Another downpour is the last thing residents of Valley View want to face. Many are still getting their lives and homes back together after last month's flooding. There's a lot of worry here and in other flood prone areas about the forecast. FEMA set up a disaster center in Valley View, but because of the way the government operates, chances are anyone who gets soaked with heavy flooding tonight or tomorrow, cannot just walk into this center for help.

With the Cuyahoga River still swollen and the Ohio Erie Canal nearly at flood stage already, Valley View is bracing for more possible flooding. FEMA and the state emergency disaster teams have already fielded 5200 calls for aid from six northeast Ohio counties. This disaster aid center in Valley View is only for flood victims of June 21 through the 23.

If your area is hit in the next 24 hours, this staff is not authorized to help. Governor Taft would have to formally declare an emergency. Then President Bush would need to declare a disaster before aid would be extended, even if the same victims are hit twice. State officials say they're on alert. Homes that never flooded before were hit last month. It pays to be prepared so you might want to move prized possessions to higher ground.

If driving during a downpour, watch out for standing water and the dangers of hydroplaning or getting stranded in high water. As we all know, bad weather doesn't discriminate. It happens everywhere.

Additional reports

News	July 11, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:16	Local
News	July 11, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 4:00	Local
News	July 12, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 4:00	Local
News	July 12, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 3:40	Local
News	July 12, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 4:00	Local
News	July 12, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 3:05	Local

News	July 12, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 4:15	Local
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Cities hit hard by recent flooding may be at higher risk than they used to be. Northeast Ohio has a regional sewer district. District crews only work on large sanitary interceptors and treat waste water. In Brecksville, Chippewa Creek turned into a raging river in June, flooding hundreds of businesses and homes. New developments are still going up, and in some cases homes were built in flood plains against the advice of the city. Heavier development partly explains flooding.

Brecksville is being proactive. Rather than wait for the army corps of engineers, the city paid contractors to remove debris from the creek. The sheer volume of water in June's storm is beyond what cities can handle. Modern sewers are designed to handle rain from a once every five or 10 years storm. Last month's drenching dumped more rain faster than we've seen in a century. Brecksville city officials say repairing damage and clean up from the flooding will cost the city more than 1.5 million dollars.

Seven people are washed away while they were swimming in a flooded creek. One man is still missing. Unfortunately, it's expected to be a recovery mission along Mill Creek outside Jefferson. A 21 year old went under water to save a woman who had gone under moments before. That woman survived and she ended up clinging to a log for hours. She was eventually rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter. The others were also clinging to logs or the nearby dam, and were able to make it out on their own. The search then focused on this 21 year old, who apparently was the hero, helping to rescue the woman when she went under.

Witness

Additional reports

News	July 12, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:26	Local
News	July 13, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 4:45	Local
News	July 13, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 5:05	Local
News	July 13, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 4:50	Local
News	July 13, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 4:40	Local

News	July 13, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 5:04	Local
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Kingwood Center, a 47 acre public garden, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Richland County. It made for a wonderful outing for a mother and daughter, but the nice day quickly turned to tragedy. Right now, there's only a trickle of water in this culvert, but 24 hours earlier, it was raining hard and the water was raging. Investigators say 40 year old Dianna Snyder tried to save her daughter, but the girl slipped away and was sucked into the drain pipe. Dianna was pulled in too.

The mother and daughter first went through this 24 inch culvert and traveled a football field's length, all of it underground in a pipe filled to the brim with rushing water, making several twists and turns along the way. The distance they traveled was 465 feet before being spit out of this 18 inch pipe. The nine year old escaped serious harm after climbing out of the flood waters, but her mother was missing. Rescuers found Dianna's body in a duck pond 150 feet from where her daughter emerged from the pipe. The girl's family is worried how this tragedy will affect the child. The Richland County coroner did an autopsy today and determined that Dianna died as a result of drowning. Investigators believe she hit her head and was knocked unconscious, and then drowned.

Tonight another family is desperate to find their son who was swept away in a creek in Ashtabula County. Ashtabula County emergency crews called off their search for 21-year old Mark Dales because it isn't safe. The water is still too high and the current too fast to send boats and divers in. They will resume the search in the morning. Dales was one of six people who

went swimming in the creek Wednesday. The others were pulled out, two by helicopter. Mark's father says he will remember him as a hero. According to the sheriff's report Mark is the one who jumped in first. Somebody else tried to save him. The coast guard will resume its search when the water levels go down.

Additional reports

News	July 13, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 5:31	Local
News	July 14, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 1:30	Local

News	July 14, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:25	Local
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We have now confirmed that search and rescue teams have found the body of Mark Dales. The 21-year-old was swept away while swimming with five others near a dam in Mill Creek near Jefferson. The others were pulled to safety before Dales disappeared.

News	July 18, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:50	Local
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On June 22 the kind of rain that is seen every hundred years or so floods the village of Walton Hills, turning Sagamore and Tinker Creeks into raging rivers. At the hearing at Walton Hills City Hall, residents are urging village leaders to seek the help of local, state, and federal authorities to find a way to improve the drainage before the next historic rain.

The village engineer points out that the sheer magnitude of the storm was the only factor in the flooding in Walton Hills. He says debris like this ornamental fence dammed up water at critical points in drainage pipes, creeks and ditches. When asked about the complaints from residents about the drainage issues, the only promise Village Mayor Marlene Anielski makes is that she will commission a study. Residents say the drainage problem has been studied before and no action was taken. Some of them say they are even ready to pay higher taxes if the village will correct the problem.

Additional reports

News	July 19, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 19, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 19, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	July 19, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:35	Local
News	July 19, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:51	Local

News	July 19, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:06	Local
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Tonight, Governor Taft is calling on President Bush to extend the deadline for northeast Ohio flood victims who need federal aid. Fox 8 news reporter Jack Shea joins us live from the FEMA disaster center in Valley View with reaction. This office is scheduled to close on Saturday, but residents can still apply for federal assistance until the end of August.

Many residents have complained that the money being granted by the feds is not even making a dent in the losses they've incurred. FEMA maintains they helped plenty of flood victims who qualified for aid based on the amount of damage and their income. Many flood victims make too much money to qualify for federal aid, but they may be able to get a low interest loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. The current deadline for seeking federal assistance is the end of August, but that could now be extended into September.

Additional reports

News	July 19, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:26	Local
News	July 20, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 20, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	July 20, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	July 22, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 3:12	Local
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Today up to seven inches of rain drenched northern Ashtabula County. The high water spilled over streets and into basements. Roads were closed and homeowners were up to their ankles and knees in floodwater. Heavy rains turn creeks and culverts into raging torrents. Safety forces scrambled to block off flooded roads before motorists got stranded, but they were not always in time. Good Samaritans rescued a driver at Lake Avenue and West 32nd before it was too late.

One of three yellow caution lights on the railroad bridge was submerged when we arrived. In 15 minutes we saw the water rise past the second light, a depth over 5 feet. Older residents on Sanborn Road in Saybrook Township called it the worst flooding of their lifetime. Homeowners with flooded yards were the lucky ones. Some residents blame construction of a new high school and inadequate drainage around it for compounding their water woes. People in the Ashtabula area that have storm or flood-related damage are asked to call the number on your screen--440-992-7186. Damage totals will help determine if the county qualifies for aid.

Additional reports

News	July 22, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:30	Local
News	July 23, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local

News	July 23, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:53	Local
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The flood-water has receded, but questions remain in Ashtabula County this evening. Did construction of a new high school contribute to yesterday's flooding? Take a look at this home video shot at the height of Saturday's storm. Rainwater running off the construction site for Lakeside High School on Sanborn Road, water that had made its way into nearby homes. Now this is just a steady flowing creek, but the floodwaters here Saturday so overpowered this culvert pipe that the surrounding area was washed away and the sidewalk up above is now in jeopardy.

A torrential rainfall of 7 inches is hard to imagine. Did the new topography here contribute to the problem? School Board member Mike Franklin wants the contractor to check things out. Franklin told me the creek was a monster even before it hit the school property. The Red Cross checked out many of the flooded homes. Those with flood damage are asked to report the damage to the county. Damage totals will then help determine if the county qualifies for aid.

Additional reports

News	July 23, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
News	July 24, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 24, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 24, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 24, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 24, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News	July 24, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:09	Local
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Residents along Sanborn Road say they've seen the waters in this creek rise but never like this. More than 60 homes were flooded. Furniture is drying out on the lawn. Saybrook Township crews cleaned out the storm sewers, but residents say the problem lies in this field where a pond used to be. Home video shows what the area near the new Lakeside High School looked like but construction managers say the property isn't the problem. Engineers will file a report with the school district clearing the property design of causing the flooding. County officials are looking at the drainage issues downstream of the new pipe.

News	July 27, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 6:07	Local
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Tonight most of Lake County has been turned into a lake as heavy rain, and severe flooding causes major damage to homes, streets and cars. Basements flooded, stores and airports closed, businesses shut down, even a daycare was evacuated.

Tow truck drivers get to make a lot of extra cash. Many roads had water, but were passable or at least that's what people thought. Luckily we haven't heard of any injuries. Some of the most dangerous situations are on the expressways where the water piles up in the outside lanes, and you don't know it until you hit it.

About 100 children ranging from newborns to ten years old were inside a daycare center, and rescue crews had to scramble to get them out safely. Mentor fire and police quickly responded to the Ridge Pointe Child Care Center. It did happen rapidly. Daycare employees sandbagged the doors, since they've had flooding here before. Rescue crews evacuated the children to a vet's office next door. The daycare will be closed tomorrow and, at this point, they're not sure when they will reopen.

Additional reports

News	July 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 3:55	Local
News	July 27, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	July 28, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 7:45	Local
News	July 28, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 11:27	Local
News	July 28, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 12:16	Local
News	July 28, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 14:50	Local
News	July 28, 2006	Noon	TRT 30:00	Local

News	July 28, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 20:35	Local
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After severe flooding, Lake County is now in a state of emergency. We have a series of live reports covering every inch of Lake County. People are calling it the worst flood in their lifetime. Some roads are still closed, some roads are literally gone washed away, prompting Ohio Governor Taft to declare the entire county a disaster area.

Officials say up to 10 inches of rain fell in a 16 hour period, swamping communities in Lake County. Water ways overflowed swamping homes faster than some residents could evacuate them. The Lake County Emergency Management Agency mobilized early, declaring a county state of emergency at 3:30 am. Lake County safety forces could not have handled the number of rescues needed alone, but they had an army of help. Firefighters and trained water rescue teams came from an 11 county area. In some cases they used boats to rescue residents and motorists stranded by high water

Lake County officials are asking residents to stay off the roads in hard hit areas unless it's really necessary to travel. Even though water levels have receded, crews still need to get around and assess the safety of roads and bridges. Lake County has set up an emergency hotline. If you are in need of help, you can contact the Emergency Management Agency at 440-350-5469 or 440-350-5470.

In Painesville the rushing Grand River is forcing hundreds of people out of their homes tonight. Around 4:00AM, the Grand River started to rise and it came up fast. About 250 people had to be evacuated from their homes which were submerged in floodwater. The area along the river bank was hardest hit. Over 150 evacuees have sought shelter at several different locations throughout Lake County. The emergency shelters are at the Eastlake Community Center, in Painesville, Harvey High School, in Concord Township at the Concord Community Center, and in Madison Village at the Madison Senior Center. Also there is shelter at the Armory-Painesville Township Building in Perry and Fairport Harbor High School.

There is extensive damage further east in Fairport Harbor. From Skyfox, we see mass flooding has shut down many roads in Painesville. That's Leroy Thompson Road and you can see a portion of the road has collapsed. It appears the road was uprooted due to the flood waters and portions of that road washed away. In Painesville the flood waters have also closed the Vrooman Road Bridge in Painesville. Debris has been piling up on the bridge throughout the day and the bridge itself is the only portion of Vrooman Road above water. Painesville police suggest heading out Route 84 to Route 44 then to I-90 to get out of these areas.

A majority of the roads in downtown Painesville remain closed at this time. The storm swollen Grand River proved to be too much for dozens of boats. A dock with a dozen or so sailboats was jarred loose and spit into the lake by the raging river. There have also been reports of boats washing up on beachfront properties in Perry and Madison.

A bit further west, the city of Mentor was a total drenched mess both last night and this morning. Severe flooding closed portions of every main roadway in the city. Overwhelmed emergency dispatchers in Mentor fielded over 2000 calls since last night. If you are a flood victim and need housing or other assistance, call the hotline at 440-350-5469 or 440-350-5470.

The relentless downpours in Lake County have turned the Chagrin and Grand Rivers into dangerous raging torrents. Skyfox captured what appeared to be someone's deck smashing into a bridge. Some flood victims were rescued by boat and others were plucked from their apartment

rooftops. Along the Grand River alone a fire captain in Painesville estimates that 600 people had to be evacuated.

Additional reports

News	July 28, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 16:42	Local
News	July 28, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 12:36	Local

News	July 29, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 10:14	Local
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The water is receding, but the job of assessing flood damage has just begun. Governor Taft toured some of the hardest hit areas. For the most part the emergency phase is over and now comes the long rebuilding phase. Governor Taft and Congressman Steve LaTourette say they are confident that federal help is on the way.

Governor Taft says state teams determined at least 81 homes were destroyed and another 26 had major damage, more than enough to request federal help. Residents are urged to take pictures and document damage when requesting government assistance. Some residents refused to leave water logged homes, worried about leaving pets behind, but volunteers mobilized quickly to set up pet shelters.

Two Red Cross shelters remain open for flood victims this evening. They are at Harvey High School in Painesville, and the Madison Senior Center in Madison. Donations for flood victims are being accepted at The Hope Chest located behind the Painesville Senior Center, at the Salvation Army on Pearl Road in Painesville, and at any Goodwill location. Flood victims who need vouchers for clothing can contact the Red Cross.

Additional reports

News	July 29, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 5:57	Local
News	July 30, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 10:02	Local

News	July 30, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 4:03	Local
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Flood victims in Lake County are in the third day of recovery efforts. On this Sunday many people took a little break. There are quite a few St. Anthony's parishioners who have been affected. Even the church wasn't spared. This is the rectory after two full days of cleaning. The church does have flood insurance, so all of the cleanup and items lost are covered.

The season ends early for a little league team whose field was washed away by high water. Coaches and players with the Painesville little league team got their first look today at damage done to their field. Flooding from the Grand River put the Painesville Recreational Park under several feet of water. It destroyed fields and buildings that house the equipment. They found batting machines, concessions and their sound system covered with mud.

Governor Taft has already declared Lake County a disaster area. More aid will be available if the federal government follows suit. A FEMA team will be in Lake County tomorrow morning to assess damage inflicted by the floods. Help could include low-interest loans and other disaster assistance.

Additional reports

News	July 30, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 8:46	Local
News	July 31, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 6:46	Local
News	July 31, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 7:50	Local
News	July 31, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 6:51	Local
News	July 31, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 9:11	Local
News	July 31, 2006	Noon	TRT 4:13	Local

News	July 31, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 10:02	Local
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In Eastlake Fox 8 news reporter Jack Shea says the oppressive heat is hampering the flood clean-up. Now in sweltering temperatures approaching 100 degrees, the flood victims must salvage what they can and then literally gut their homes. More than 600 homes in Lake County suffered some kind of flood damage. To help with this massive clean-up Eastlake and Painesville will be sending out their garbage trucks on additional runs.

We have this breaking news in from Chardon where the heat wave has caused a power outage. The blackout has forced the evacuation of a nursing home. The city has moved 45 patients to three different facilities including the Geauga County Department of Aging. The patients will spend the night away from the nursing home, just to make sure they have air conditioning and are comfortable.

FEMA inspectors today will look at the number of people affected and to what degree. If the region qualifies as a federal disaster area, residents could be eligible for grants or low-interest loans.

Mentor's city manager says a contract to build retention basins will be awarded at the next council meeting. He adds the basins should be in place by the end of the year. If it works nearby business owners will be breathing a huge sigh of relief.

Additional reports

News	July 31, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 6:06	Local
News	July 31, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 10:07	Local
News	August 1, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 7:05	Local
News	August 1, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 6:05	Local
News	August 1, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 6:00	Local
News	August 1, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 5:45	Local
News	August 1, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:30	Local
News	August 1, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 4:46	Local
News	August 1, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 5:03	Local
News	August 1, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 5:35	Local

News	August 2, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 6:19	Local
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A day after declaring parts of northeast Ohio a disaster area, President Bush arrives to learn about the flooding first hand. He plans to meet with area firefighters and other emergency workers, including FEMA officials here in the area. President Bush had already planned a trip to Kirtland to attend a fundraiser for Ken Blackwell's campaign for governor. While in town he agreed to meet with emergency officials across Lake County so they could brief him on the clean-up.

Fox 8 is teaming up with the Salvation Army trying to help you get the supplies you need. Starting tomorrow morning at 5:00AM this will be the drop off location for clothing and supplies. The American Red Cross has been through the area dropping off cleaning kits. As you can see donations are already coming in from generous Fox 8 viewers. You can help too by dropping off donations here at the Fox 8 studios tomorrow.

Lots of people want to help. What do the people really need? These are the items that are badly needed.

- Bleach, Cleaning supplies (buckets, mops, brooms, disinfectant, scrub brushes and garbage bags), Non perishable food, Paper plates, napkins and cups, Bottled water, Masks, gloves and goggles, Sprayers, hand sanitizer, and clothes

Additional reports

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News	August 3, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 7:30	Local
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Since the flooding in Lake County, many people have been trying to get insurance for all the damage, but not everything in your home can be insured. There's a lot you need to know and a lot you should ask when buying flood insurance. Many people in Lake County already had flood insurance before last Friday but it didn't make much of a difference. Although flood insurance covers much of the contents in your house, it does not cover the contents in the basement. There

are some exceptions like furnaces and water heaters. The best thing to do is ask your agent detailed questions so you will have a clear understanding of what you can expect to have insured if you should experience flooding again.

The good news is people in northeast Ohio are extremely generous. Our Fox 8 flood relief drive has been an enormous success. If you are a flood victim, you can pick up donated supplies from the Salvation Army located at 69 Pearl Street in Painesville. Supplies are available starting tomorrow morning at 8am-9pm.

Additional reports

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News	August 4, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 8:25	Local
News	August 4, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 7:29	Local
News	August 4, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 9:17	Local
News	August 4, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 6:15	Local
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Fox 8 viewers donated thousands of items, filling over 10 Salvation Army trucks yesterday. There has been a steady stream of people going in and out of the Salvation Army center today. Many of them are flood victims, but there is also a large group of volunteers making a shelter like this work.

Special thanks to Major Thomas Hinzman, Major Fred Muhs, Captain Brian Merchant and Eric Muhs. They were all instrumental in helping the Fox 8 flood drive a big success. Flood victims can come here more than once to get supplies.

FEMA Agency and the Ohio EMA will open disaster recovery centers for flood victims starting tomorrow. The offices are located at the JFK Senior Center in Eastlake, and the First Church Congregational United Church of Christ in Painesville. A mobile unit will be at the Northwest Ambulance District in Ashtabula County as well.

Even though their little league playing fields were wiped out, the Painesville Little League teams have a new home to play ball. They are in Perry Township Park, thanks to donors who stepped up to the plate. They will play their remaining games at the town's six fields. Besides the donated fields, the leagues parent organization, local companies and groups pitched in with equipment and dollars. The uniforms may not all match, but it's enough to save the season. The league estimates they lost \$38,000 in supplies and equipment. When the season ends next week, several companies donated nice prizes for the kids.

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Help has arrived for flood weary residents of Lake and Geauga Counties. FEMA has set up shop in Eastlake and Painesville, two of the hardest hit areas. Flood victims are encouraged to register with FEMA first, either on line or by phone, before visiting the help centers. Staff and volunteers are ready to answer questions and residents who had heavy losses stand a good chance of qualifying for a grant up to \$54,000 from the federal government. The SBA also has low interest loans available, depending on income levels.

Here is another tip for landlords and homeowners. If you have structural damage to your property, get in touch with the Lake County Auditor's Office and you may get your real estate taxes lowered with a lower appraisal. The auditor also had staff at the FEMA sites.

Fox 8 flood relief continues to help families trying to put their lives back together after last week's flood. There are still plenty of supplies available at the Salvation Army in Painesville. Dozens of people stopped by today to pick up things they need like cleaning supplies, and canned food. Flood victims we talked to say they can't believe the generosity of their neighbors.

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Slow progress is being made in the huge cleanup after flooding in Lake County where volunteers are helping make that possible. These people are volunteers and they are not just help cleaning up, but brought boxes of food, cleaning supplies, and necessities. The volunteer effort is being coordinated through a program called Ohio Citizens Corps, under the umbrella of Emergency Management. They are anxious to get more volunteers involved, realizing there may still be many more people who need them. You too can help simply by calling the Ohio Citizens Corps in Lake County to either volunteer or to ask for help. The number is 440-639-0513.

Additional reports

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News	August 8, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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Local flooding has forced many families with school age children out of their homes. That is creating a whole new challenge for local school districts, just weeks away from the start of a new school year. School starts two weeks from tomorrow in Painesville, but the families forced out of these apartments and condominiums may not be back in time. Contractors are just now starting to get into some of these apartments, helping sort through what can be saved and what needs to go. Some of the families here are staying with relatives, and others are staying in motels for an indefinite period.

The school district estimates 61 children have moved, some of them completely out of the State Street Elementary District. The district has been trying to communicate with parents and other school districts so they can plan for the changes. The Painesville City Schools wants to hear from the parents of any kids in the flooded neighborhoods so they know where they will be, and so they can work with other school districts if necessary to get them in class.

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An effort is underway to help the Painesville police and firefighters who lost everything in the Lake County floods. As one local Painesville firefighter was responding to calls for help the night of July 28, his home was overcome by flood waters. This fire fighter, like so many other first responders, had to put his own feeling aside to help others. Now they need your help.

Painesville Police and Fire Chaplain Leonard Grubb wants to help the police and firefighters who were affected by the floods. He has set up a fund at the Painesville Employee Credit Union to help. If you would like to donate to the Chaplains Relief Fund for First Responders, you can contact the Painesville Employee Credit Union, on 66 North State Street in Painesville. Their phone number is 440-352-8974.

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The Lake County United Way's annual fundraising campaign kicked off today. Many people showed up this morning at Captains Stadium to support their efforts to deliver disaster relief to people hit hard by floods in Lake County. The United Way recognized Fox 8 viewers for their

tremendous generosity during our clothing and supply drive last week. The 2006 fundraising and disaster relief campaign runs through mid December.

If you want to help the United Way you can make donation of goods at the United Way head quarters in Mentor. Cash donations can be made at Curves Fitness Centers at Kirtland Plaza, Mentor on the Lake, Painesville and Willoughby, or The First National Bank or Kolita & Company C.P.A's in Mentor.

News	August 13, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 3:10	Local
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Condominiums that sustained heavy damage during recent flooding in Lake County may soon be torn down. The Millstone Condo Association will decide the fate of the Gristmill and Millstone condominiums tomorrow. The owner wants to restore and rebuild, but only if he can get enough insurance and federal relief funding.

So far more than 4000 residents in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties have applied for flood aid. Over \$5 million in state and federal disaster assistance grants have already been approved. FEMA disaster recovery centers in Eastlake and Painesville remain open for flood victims in need of help. A mobile unit will be outside the Mentor Senior Center tomorrow through Thursday.

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News	August 14, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 6:15	Local
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More than two weeks after the floods there are a lot of people who still can't get into their homes. Members of the Millstone Condo Association will decide today what to do. When FEMA toured this area a few days later, thick mud still coated everything and a rotten smell hung in the air. People who live here worried not only about all the cleanup but that their foundations might have shifted.

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News	August 23, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
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Painesville educators are working overtime to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible. For many, the lingering effects of an unprecedented flood made the first day of school more stressful than usual. Donations of backpacks and other school supplies have made the return for many students much smoother. The staff at State Street Elementary is also paying close attention to students who could be having trouble adjusting as the school year begins. The principal says staff counselors and psychologists are available to help any students having trouble adjusting because of issues created from the flood.

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News	August 30, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:24	Local
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After tomorrow this SBA field office in Valley View will be closed and the deadline to apply for help for flood victims in six counties will expire. More than 7000 applications for assistance were distributed by the SBA, and 5800 were never returned. The SBA knows there are victims who they still can help. There are also field offices like this one in Lucas and Huron counties. For victims of the July flooding in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties, SBA field offices will be open until the end of October.

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News September 7, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:35 Local
 FEMA and the Small Business Administration are warning residents about scams that typically follow major disasters. Watch out for anyone who claims to be from government or established charities to get your bank account or social security information. Remember if you've already applied, legit agencies already have that info. This is a general warning not based on any known case of identity theft in northeast Ohio. .

Additional reports

News September 8, 2006 6:00AM TRT 0:45 Local

News September 23, 2006 10:00PM TRT 0:25 Local
 The Lake County condo complexes that were devastated by floodwaters this summer may now become a public park. The city of Painesville is seeking \$8million in state and federal grants to buy and tear down 80 units in the Gristmill and Millstone complexes. The city hopes to turn the land on the bank of the Grand River into a park.

GOVERNMENT

Issue: Republic National Convention

Thousands of Northeast Ohio hotel rooms are being reserved for August 2008 in case Cleveland is named to host the Republican National Convention. The rooms are in booking limbo to help sway the party's decision makers, as well as to keep protest groups from reserving large blocks of rooms. A site-selection committee will visit Cleveland later this month.

News August 17, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:55 Local
 Although Cleveland's mayor is a Democrat, he is doing whatever he can to get the Republican National Convention here in 2008. Today the mayor and his staff outlined what will happen during the committee's visit next week. They will tour Quicken Loans Arena, the site of the convention if Cleveland is their choice.

The committee will arrive Tuesday morning and will stay through Thursday around noon. There will be an opening reception Tuesday night at the Rock Hall and presentations throughout the day on Wednesday before things wrap up Thursday. So far the city has raised more than \$8 million mainly from donations from major companies like National City Bank and Medical Mutual. We have more than 23,000 rooms within a 30 mile radius of the Quicken Loans Arena. The Republican chair in Cuyahoga County believes just being Ohio may be the real selling point. We are up against New York, Tampa and Minneapolis.

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News August 22, 2006 5:00AM TRT 2:00 Local
 Today is a big day for Northeast Ohio as a group of 22 people could bring millions of dollars to the area. That group is in town to inspect and determine if Cleveland is the right place for the Republican National Convention. Over the next few days they will take a look at some of the notable sites in Cleveland to see if Cleveland is ready for a convention of this size. The committee gets in this afternoon and will then head downtown for a look at Public Square, and then off to the Rock Hall for an event tonight.

What are they looking for? They don't know because it's not one thing that makes or breaks the decision. They will look at the number of hotel rooms and things to do in town. A big plus for Ohio is that our state is such a battleground in the national elections. The committee has already visited New York, Tampa and Minneapolis, so hopefully they were saving the best for last.

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News August 22, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
Members of the Republican National Committee have arrived to check out Cleveland as a possible site for the RNC. First impressions matter and organizers are pulling out all the stops to make the committee members feel welcome. Volunteers greeted the convention planners at the airport and many more are standing by at the Ritz Carlton hotel where they'll be staying through Thursday. Tonight they'll be heading to a festive reception at the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. While the convention itself would be held at the Quicken Loans Arena, Dennis Roche of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau says Cleveland is rich in other venues to make a large convention a success.

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News August 23, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:45 Local
Members of the Republican National Convention Committee were wined and dined last night, and today they will tour the city to see why they should bring their convention here. Today was all about giving members of the RNC an in depth sales pitch.

Security is a big concern to the RNC convention planners. The committee toured Cleveland's Emergency Operation Center. City leaders also took them to RTA headquarters for a briefing on getting thousands of visitors around. Cleveland's proposal includes using up to 200 charter and 100 RTA buses. City officials say the ease of getting around is a plus compared to the other contenders for the 2008 convention. Not only does Tower City link up directly to two hotels, it also has a direct connection to Hopkins Airport via RTA. Up to 22,000 hotel rooms are needed. Local officials say delegates and media would be housed in suburban hotels, including those in Independence and Beachwood and as far away as Akron but they contend that's not a problem. A spokesman for the RNC committee says so far they like what they see.

The day ends with a private reception at the home of the Ohio Republican Party chairman. He lives on the west side overlooking Lake Erie. The visitors will be treated to a fireworks display to cap it all off.

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News August 24, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local
Efforts to get the Republican National Convention are being called a job well done. The RNC Site Selection Committee wrapped up its tour of Cleveland, impressed by the city's efforts to make them feel welcome and land the convention. JoAnn Davidson, of the committee, says members had positive comments about their Cleveland experience. Davidson says no site has everything a convention needs. Like Cleveland, Tampa and Minneapolis have hotel rooms spread across a region. While New York City, another contender, has the space, Davidson says all four bids will get a careful review. She says the city did a good job answering their questions.

Consultants will help the committee evaluate proposals from the four finalists, and that may include a follow up visit.

News	September 27, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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The Republican Party will not hold its national convention in Cleveland. That announcement was just made this afternoon without an explanation of why. The site selection committee for the GOP is recommending that the Republicans take their national convention to the twin cities, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. That is disappointing to local political and civic leaders who came together across party lines to showcase the city last month, spending just shy of \$400,000 to entertain committee members and show that Cleveland could meet their needs.

Mayor Frank Jackson says he was notified of the decision at mid-day, but didn't bother to ask why Cleveland lost the bid. He felt a very strong case was made, adding it was worth the effort. We asked the mayor if he felt the city's designation as the poorest big city in the country since the committees visit had anything to do with the decision and he said "No".

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Issue: Governor's Race

News	July 6, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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Republican Candidate for Governor, Ken Blackwell, says leasing the turnpike could generate billions of needed dollars. Blackwell met with reporters at the Strongsville exit of the turnpike and outlined the reasons he thinks leasing is the right idea at the right time. Blackwell estimates Ohio could pocket \$6 billion or even more by turning operation of the 241 mile toll road over to private investors. That would be up-front money the state could use for a number of purposes, ranging from economic expansion to job creation. Blackwell is convinced that the private sector could apply proven economic principals, and increase the turnpike's efficiency and profitability. This is something already being done in other states.

The big question is would leasing mean we would end up paying more for tolls? The answer is probably. Ohio tolls are currently cheaper than neighboring Indiana and Pennsylvania.

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A voter advocacy group is suing the state over recently approved voter registration regulations. The Coalition of Voter Right's Groups wants an injunction against the rules drafted by Secretary of State Ken Blackwell and approved by the general assembly. They say the new guidelines will have a chilling effect on registration volunteers and will result in a reduction of minority voters. A Blackwell campaign spokesperson calls the lawsuit politically motivated and frivolous.

News	July 19, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local
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A Republican proposal to cut capital gains taxes when you profit from the sale of stocks or a business brings a huge fight over growth vs fairness. Ohio House Republicans are moving in support of Blackwell's plan to cut taxes as a strategy to spur growth. Ohio Republicans say manufacturing isn't going to create enough jobs to drive the state's future. They say cutting the capital gains tax by more than 50% will create money for investment in new industries that replace the lost jobs.

Democrats led by Ted Strickland say the tax cuts Ohio needs target the middle class, not wealthy investors. But Republicans say Ohio's high taxes push business owners out of the state and cost us all money. House Republicans will return from vacation to vote on capital gains cuts before

the election. Ways and Means Committee chairwoman Sally Kilbane says class warfare rhetoric doesn't worry her. Tax cuts are a possibility now because the budget has a billion dollar surplus. Republicans say we can use that to buy some job creating growth. The Democrats say we can give money back to the average tax payer who has created the surplus in the first place.

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Another big election problem could be brewing. There are about a million Ohio voters with valid driver's licenses showing an address that differs from their election precinct. With a new ID requirement in Ohio election law does this mean they have to cast a provisional ballot? A coalition of liberal voting rights groups surveyed county boards of elections and they say everyone with a license like that will have to vote a provisional ballot.

The problem with a provisional ballot is the four page form you have to fill out before you get that ballot. Of course that could mean long lines and long waits at the polls. The Voting Rights Coalition says Secretary of State Blackwell can solve the problem with clear instructions to county election boards. Secretary of State Blackwell's office says the Voters' Rights Coalition is playing politics with a complaint designed to hurt his campaign for governor. The Blackwell camp says they've made it clear in two memos to county boards any valid driver's license is adequate identification to vote.

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Ohio has its first election under controversial new rules tomorrow. About a million Ohio voters have a valid driver's license with an out of date address. The question is what happens when these voters try to use their license as identification required under Ohio's new voting law. A coalition of voting rights groups in Ohio say a survey of county election boards says most will require these voters to use a provisional ballot. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell says he sees no trouble ahead on the license issue because county election boards have all been briefed. But the Voters Rights Coalition says their survey does not reflect this.

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News	August 17, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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The candidates battling to be your next governor share their plans on education with the Ohio School Boards Association. That is one agreement between Ken Blackwell and Ted Strickland. The next governor has a crisis to solve when it comes to elementary and high school education in Ohio.

Blackwell wants 65 cents of each education dollar spent in the classroom. Blackwell says schools should outsource support services and use the savings to improve classroom education. Support for charter schools is even less popular with this crowd. Ted Strickland wins applause from school boards with an attack on charter schools, and support for local control of the school spending. The candidates agree that the solution to Ohio's school funding crisis is a change in the way money is spent. When it comes to where to save money the candidates go different routes. Strickland says eliminate charter schools and Blackwell says outsource jobs. There were some political jabs thrown.

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A tug of war over the Ohio Turnpike dominates the campaign for governor. Republican Ken Blackwell says Ohio could make at least \$6 billion leasing the turnpike to a private company. Democrat Ted Strickland says it's a big goofy idea. Imagine the 241 mile Ohio turnpike turned over to the highest bidder. It just happened in Indiana. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels is in Columbus to help Blackwell sell the turnpike lease in Ohio. The Hoosier state now has \$3.8 billion for new infrastructure projects thanks to the turnpike lease.

Democrats have knocked the turnpike lease idea in news events at nearly every exit. Their message is keeping the turnpike as it is will save money and lives. But Indiana Governor Daniels says Ohio will need to spend big on infrastructure to stay competitive. Daniels asks

where the money will come from. Blackwell says transportation is a key to Ohio's economy and it must not fall behind neighboring states. Democrats say leasing the turnpike will bring unemployment to most of the well paid employees in the toll booths. Ohio voters will tell us whether leasing the turnpike is a threat or an opportunity.

Additional reports

News August 22, 2006 6:00AM TRT 1:45 Local

News August 28, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
Conservative clergy from around the country are going from the sidelines to the battle front in Ohio politics. The preachers for Blackwell say they're speaking as individuals to keep the IRS from yanking their tax free status. But the ministers make it clear their politics are driven by their faith. Ken Blackwell's opposition to abortion and gay marriage brings support from preachers turning to politics. These preachers say Ken Blackwell is the example of leadership America needs. They say he'll deliver economic prosperity to the poor by re-engineering government. These preachers compare Congressman Ted Strickland, an ordained Methodist Minister, to Jessie Jackson or Al Sharpton.

Strickland says the Clergy for Blackwell won't hurt his campaign but will damage their own credibility. Clergy for Blackwell come from around Ohio, California, Tennessee and Maryland. The preachers reject any notion that outsiders have no stake in an Ohio election. Strickland counters Clergy for Blackwell with a group called We Believe that Christian and Muslim clerics formed to show not all the ministers are backing Republicans. Now both Blackwell and Strickland say religion should unite Ohio rather than divide our state. Both candidates want that unification behind their campaign so religion will be a contested battleground in the race for governor.

News August 30, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:00 Local
The candidates running for Ohio governor say they have specific plans for addressing Cleveland's poorest city status. Democratic candidate Ted Strickland believes raising the minimum wage would initially help while Republican candidate Ken Blackwell says his proposal to lease the turnpike would help fund major road projects in Cleveland and create jobs. He believes education is also key.

News August 31, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:39 Local
There are more questions tonight about Ohio's role in the 2004 presidential election. A class action lawsuit claims minority voters in Ohio were targeted in an election scheme that caused many of their votes to be tossed as invalid. Tonight the 2004 ballots in Ohio are being saved as evidence. This civil rights lawsuit claims paper ballots in minority precincts were pre-punched for independent candidates, meaning they would be invalid if a vote was cast for John Kerry or George Bush.

Because of the lawsuit, ballots set to be destroyed next week when the 22 month required holding period expires will be saved as evidence. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell says the lawsuit is an assault on the integrity of Ohio's bipartisan election process.

The lawsuit seeks a court order giving a special master control over the upcoming election, arguing leaving control with Secretary of State Blackwell is a civil rights violation. The lawsuit claims Blackwell is part of a conspiracy to deprive some Ohioans of their most basic right, the right to vote. Ken Blackwell says politics is a full contact sport so he's not surprised allegations of a dirty election are coming up during his campaign for governor.

News September 2, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:05 Local
Politicians were out stumping for votes at today's Labor Day events. Democratic candidate for governor Ted Strickland shook the hands of people watching Parma's Labor Day parade. The crowd was smaller than usual because of light but persistent rain.

Republican candidate for governor, Ken Blackwell, gets a warm welcome in Independence. Blackwell held a rally at the civic center, part of a state-wide effort to boost support and get out his message. Blackwell told supporters his parents taught him the value of education, hard work, and saving.

A new survey puts Democrats ahead of Republicans in two statewide races. In a telephone poll of likely voters, Democrat Ted Strickland led Republican Ken Blackwell by 16 percentage points. In the race for Senate, the same USA Today/Gallup poll found Democrat Sherrod Brown slightly ahead of Republican Mike Dewine, the incumbent. The poll was conducted by telephone last week.

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News September 4, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:18 Local
The weather was just perfect for a Labor Day parade down Kinsman Road. Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones organizes this parade through her district. Office seekers know the march on Kinsman every Labor Day is an event not to be missed. Congressman Ted Strickland, a Democrat running for governor, was not going to miss this. His opponent Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, the first African American running for governor in Ohio, was in Independence over the weekend.

The vote in Cuyahoga County is critical in this race for governor. We can expect to see Ted Strickland and Ken Blackwell make numerous trips here.

News	September 5, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:17	Local
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The candidates for governor clash in their first face to face campaign debate. Ken Blackwell and Ted Strickland fought over who would be the biggest change as governor. In their opening statement both men stressed humble working class roots, a move away from namesake politicians like President Bush or Governor Taft.

Strickland calls the Taft way pay to play with contracts rewarded for campaign contributions. Strickland says it's a multi-million dollar corruption tax on Ohio. Ken Blackwell says Strickland has been a sideline sitter in Congress and has no plan to lead Ohio to prosperity. Strickland says the tax charges won't stick.

In an anything goes debate the ailing economy is clearly Ohio's major election issue. Each candidate had two minutes on the impoverished cities. Blackwell says he'll cut business taxes and fight crime. Strickland says he'll push the higher minimum wage ballot issue and end state aid on development projects that poach jobs from the cities for the suburbs.

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News	September 6, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 6, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:55	Local

News September 19, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:48 Local
The candidates for governor debate tomorrow in Cleveland on education. Ken Blackwell and Ted Strickland are already clashing over school funding on the eve of that debate. Blackwell wants to take a new school funding system to Ohio voters as a constitutional amendment. Ted Strickland says the idea grades worse than "F" saying it gets a "G" for gimmick. Blackwell pitches a plan to equalize property taxes for schools no matter where you live. This is a plan to find new dollars for education based on the recommendations of a panel of experts. The plan will force all schools to meet the same requirements but lets students find the best fit.

Blackwell also plans to fight rising college costs to make course credit at any Ohio public university transferable to every state school. Blackwell says students who start in the community colleges find themselves paying for the same course twice when they transfer. Democrat Strickland says Blackwell is following Taft's blue ribbon panel plan, a process that went nowhere in Ohio. Strickland says he'll personally lead the plan to change Ohio's school funding system. Blackwell and Strickland are both promising big change on education in Ohio.

News September 20, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
 The two leading candidates for Ohio governor hold their second debate in Cleveland. This debate between Congressman Ted Strickland and Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, focused on education. Better schools and better access to college are two issues vitally important to many voters. Strickland and Blackwell offered different visions on making it happen.

Blackwell pitched a plan of privatizing some jobs, like school food services and transportation, to funnel more money into the classroom. The Republican candidate also advocates leasing the Ohio turnpike to a private company and using the money to increase state aid for students.

Strickland says thinking outside the box, like offering year long schools, could improve student performance without wrecking the state budget. He favors kicking tax dollars into individual savings accounts for college while pushing reforms to contain soaring tuition rates. Some of their sharpest exchanges centered on the effectiveness of charter schools.

Strickland and Blackwell have two more debates planned before the November election. A new poll out today shows Strickland with a 21 point lead over Blackwell.

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News September 21, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:00 Local
 Is it a political stunt or a legitimate lawsuit intended to protect the rights of poor people? Acorn, a liberal activist group, sued Republican Secretary Of State Ken Blackwell today. The group is accusing him of failing to enforce the federal motor voter law at county human services agencies. Acorn identifies five county human services offices, including Cuyahoga County, which did not have voter registration forms available for indigent clients. And yet not a single county official is named in the complaint. A spokesman for Blackwell calls the lawsuit frivolous.

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News September 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:20 Local
 We begin a five day series of reports tonight. The economy is always a big issue when Ohioans vote for governor. It's even more important this year when Ohio has shed nearly a quarter million high paying manufacturing jobs.

We begin asking Ted Strickland and Ken Blackwell how much responsibility voters should assign state government for Ohio's weak economy. The answers reveal a rare agreement. Ohio is the only state with two cities on the list of the ten poorest. In fact Cleveland is once again ranked as America's poorest city. Strickland says his economic plan for Ohio cities would be unique for each location based on regional strengths. His big statewide business bet is renewable energy.

Blackwell says his economic plan is to make business simple and profitable in Ohio. Both candidates say they consider economic development the top Ohio priority because it provides the resources to solve all of Ohio's other problems.

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News September 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:25 Local
 Ohio spends more money on education than any other function of government. When it comes to schools Strickland and Blackwell are poles apart. Each candidate says they will produce major reform. Ted Strickland says he'll end Ohio's over reliance on property taxes and equalize funding for students no matter where they live. Strickland offers no specifics on how he'll equalize school funding, just a commitment to make it happen. Ken Blackwell also promises to

bring Ohio into compliance with the Supreme Court school funding ruling. Blackwell says his savings will spawn high quality and constitutional education in Ohio.

Additional reports

News September 27, 2006 5:00AM TRT 2:15 Local

News September 27, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:48 Local

We report more tonight with the major candidates for governor on the fastest growing expense in Ohio's budget. Well over a million Ohioans have no health insurance. The state spends \$13 billion a year on medicaid for the poor, but both Strickland and Blackwell say the real cost to Ohio for healthcare is much higher. Health care facilities in Ohio are world class. Everyone here benefits because of excellent treatment options. But we all pay the bill as taxpayers and as health care consumers.

Democrat Ted Strickland and Republican Ken Blackwell agree that health care for uninsured Ohioans costs too much. Blackwell says their care is too often delivered in the costly emergency room setting because cheaper preventative medicine is not an option. Strickland says he'll subsidize the health insurance payments of Ohioans who don't qualify for medicaid, using unspent federal welfare funds. Strickland says he'll also establish a group insurance program for small companies.

Blackwell says he'll make medicaid a separate state agency and use the latest information technology to cut costs and turn auditors loose to eliminate fraud. Now both candidates expect to create synergy between their health care and economic development programs. Anything that will help with health insurance costs will be good for business in Ohio. Anything that brings back employment will take more people off the state insurance system.

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Corruption at the State House is setting the campaign climate in this year's race for Ohio governor. The candidates agree corruption is a problem and each has a solution unique to their campaign. Ohio voters have been rocked by scandal as Bob Taft is convicted of ethics violations. Former Lucas County Republican Chairman Tom Noe was charged with stealing millions from the coin fund he managed for BWC. The former chief financial officer at the Bureau of Workers Compensation was convicted of taking bribes from brokers. There was a loss of \$215 million in a BWC bond fund run by politically connected campaign contributor. Attacking corruption is at the heart of Democrat Ted Strickland's campaign message. His proposed solution is simple, throw out the Republicans. The GOP candidate, Secretary of State Ken Blackwell says his plan to cut the size of government will eliminate the opportunity for corruption. Blackwell says he's the only candidate with the experience to tame Ohio's bureaucrats and cut the spending that attracts corruption. Strickland says one party rule allows government leaders to take risks they wouldn't touch in a two party environment. Polls tell us people are hot about the scandal they've seen here at the State House. In fact 83% say ending State House corruption is a very important issue in deciding their vote for governor.

News September 29, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:10 Local

Gay marriage and abortion are controversial social issues in the campaign for governor. Ken Blackwell and Ted Strickland start with one agreement on abortion and gay marriage. Both men say these social issues come behind job creation on their list of priorities.

Republican Blackwell is an unyielding opponent of gay marriage and abortion. Where Blackwell sees black and white social issues Ted Strickland sees shades of gray. Democrat Strickland says he'll work to make abortion unnecessary by making sure women have support and care during pregnancy. On gay marriage, Strickland says civil unions should be allowed in Ohio. Strickland says marriage is a religious sacrament the state should not address. Blackwell led the campaign amending Ohio's constitution to ban gay marriage. Blackwell says protecting traditional morality is an economic issue.

GOVERNMENT/LOCAL ECONOMY

Issue: Learn & Earn

News July 31, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:10 Local
There are more cries to keep the gambling issue off the ballot this fall. The Ohio Council of Churches says the Learn & Earn gambling petitions are so deceptive they're illegal. This commercial for the Learn & Earn casino gambling ballot issue definitely stresses college scholarships. The Ohio Council of Churches says the petition circulators gathering signatures to put the gambling issue on the ballot are not following election law. Voters are not told the scholarships are paid for with gambling profits. The Learn & Earn Campaign Committee says Ohio voters know the ballot issue is about gambling. Their television commercial makes it clear slot machines will fund the college money they promise.

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News August 7, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:07 Local
Have you been asked to sign a petition that promises to provide college scholarships for Ohio students? Fox 8 news reporter Gary Stromberg says some political heavyweights say if you sign you may be gambling away Ohio's future. Forces who want to bring slot machines into Ohio are promising that if voters approve a constitutional amendment 30% of the proceeds can provide college scholarships.

Joe Roman, Greater Cleveland Partnership, says Ohioans are gambling but they are not gambling here and as a result Ohio is losing opportunities. The amendment calls for eventual river boat gambling on the Cuyahoga but anti-gambling forces want to sink the whole matter. If the constitutional amendment gets approval from voters, four years later voters in Cuyahoga County could go to the polls again to approve more extensive gambling, even riverboats.

Senator Voinovich says Ohioans don't need to fritter away their hard earned dollars. The statistics show those who are the least able are the most vulnerable to addiction from slot machines. If the supporters get enough valid signatures, the amendment will be on the ballot this November.

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Governor Taft says slot machines are the crack cocaine of gambling and will bring a crisis of addiction if Ohioans pass the Learn & Earn gambling issue. Taft says the casino's business plan is built on addicts. Dr. Heather Chapman of the Cleveland VA Center says addicts are lucrative for the casinos because gamblers see a big win as the answer to all of their problems.

Learn & Earn issue supporters say Governor Taft and Senator George Voinovich are simply trying to protect Ohio's gambling monopoly through the lottery. Both gambling opponents and supporters say challenges to keep the issue off the ballot have little chance of success so voters will make the final call this fall.

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News August 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:57 Local
Don't be surprised to see petitions circulating for the gambling issue this weekend. That's because in Cuyahoga and Summit counties more than half the gambling petitions have been tossed as invalid at the Board of Elections. More than 624,000 signatures were submitted to put the slot machines to a vote in Ohio. That's nearly twice the required numbers to get the issue on the ballot, but so many petitions are invalid. Ohio Learn & Earn will scramble to get more petitions signed.

The Ohio Council of Churches is weighing a challenge to all of the petitions at the Secretary of State's office when they're submitted by County election boards. The gambling opponents say they can prove many valid signatures were collected because scholarships were not linked to slot machines. The Council of Churches will argue every name on a petition should be pitched if even one person was misled. Gambling campaign strategists say they expected half their petitions to be invalid and a tough fight to get on the ballot. They say Learn & Earn will meet the legal requirements to force a vote.

News	September 5, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:58	Local
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A little more than a week ago it looked like the slot machine amendment might not make it on the November ballot. In order to get it on the ballot 322,000 valid signatures were needed on petitions. They were about nine thousand short, but pro-gambling forces just presented 43,000 more. If this constitutional amendment is approved by voters, initially only high school seniors in the top 5% of their class would be eligible for college scholarships. While pro-gambling forces have raised \$15 million to promote their cause, the Ohio Roundtable is working on a counterattack.

Cleveland is the poorest city again and many feel that the last thing we need downtown is a casino that will prey on poor people all the more. If approved the amendment would allow slot machines at seven race tracks across Ohio and at two locations in downtown Cleveland.

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A national study says Ohio is doing much better preparing school students for college, but we are the worst in the country on helping them pay for tuition. College costs would consume 42% of the average Ohio family's budget. That's why the Slovak Republic and Poland are sending more of their kids to college than Ohio does.

The national report card on higher education gives Ohio and 41 other states an "F" for affordability. No state takes a bigger chunk of the average family budget for college. Ohio political experts say college costs will be a huge issue for voters this fall.

News	September 14, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:34	Local
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Mayor Frank Jackson is now betting we will see gambling in Ohio. Race tracks would be the first to get these slot machines, but even with the mayor now on board, it remains to be seen how many others his endorsement will influence. Cleveland's mayor says the promise of what casinos can contribute is too lofty for him to ignore. Long a holdout, Jackson says he now favors slots here with visions of economic development. If it fails it is an effort that did not succeed, but if it passes, and we are not positioned, we have not positioned ourselves in a way that it becomes a benefit to the City of Cleveland. Opponents believe the mayor's support is influenced by developers, who are also contributors to his campaign. Both sides have a lot of ammunition, and it is one of a host of issues that include minimum wage, smoking bans, and casino gambling, that might draw a huge crowd to Ohio's polls in November.

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Ohio voters will decide the fate of slot machines this November. The Learn & Earn campaign has enough valid signatures to get the issue on the ballot. If it is approved, the slots would be located at nine locations around the state, including here in Cleveland.

EDUCATION

Issue: New Cleveland Superintendent

News	August 7, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 5:25	Local
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We'll talk to the new head of Cleveland's Public Schools now that Dr. Eugene Sanders is officially at the head of the class in Cleveland. The new CEO of the Cleveland Public Schools inherits a district plagued with problems not the least of which is a poor public image. How does

he plan to change it? "We have to put education at the forefront of every single thing we do. It should be Cleveland's number one priority, it certainly is mine."

Dr. Sanders was asked a number of questions to which he responded. He was asked why he took the job as well as what his strategy will be for correcting the current problems.

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Dr. Sanders is hoping to get the district back on track by listening to what parents, students, teachers and other members of the community have to say. That process begins tonight with the first of four public meetings.

One of the biggest hurdles to improving the schools has been the failure to pass a levy. This is something Sanders did successfully in Toledo and he's confident he can do the same here. The first step is bringing together a group of people interested in education to help him come up with concrete ways to improve the school system.

You can meet the new CEO during a series of school safety meetings starting tonight at the Cudell Recreation Center on West Boulevard. He'll be at Collinwood High School tomorrow night, the Earl B. Turner Recreation Center on Wednesday, and the Fairfax Recreation Center on East 82nd Street Thursday.

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Cleveland's new school CEO is meeting in town hall style with district parents all this week. His first meeting at the Cudell Rec Center was packed. The subject was safety, and there was plenty of give and take. Eugene Sanders/Cleveland School CEO said "Is this a misperception that students who act violently in the schools are not disciplined. Are they prosecuted legally as well as in the school? The answer is yes punishment in the schools and, if need be, the legal system. We have a very good relationship with the prosecutors' office. Any time any of our adults or students acts out in school and are arrested and removed by the Cleveland police, we are aggressively prosecuting them." The new CEO says security will be a top priority.

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News	August 10, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
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Dr. Sanders is stopping by Memorial School this morning, the city's only year-round school. Dr. Sanders has spent the past few nights talking to parents at public meetings. He plans to use the community's suggestions to work on improving safety, security, and academic performance.

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Cleveland's new CEO Eugene Sanders welcomed an overflow crowd including Ohio Governor Bob Taft to the new John Adams High School. Thousands of residents and alumni going back to 1928 get a peak at Cleveland's newest high school. The old John Adams High School closed 11 years ago. The new school was built on the same site. Before students arrive for classes next week, today was the community's turn to see what their tax dollars built.

Built at a cost of \$37 million, the new John Adams is one of two newly constructed and three totally renovated buildings opening in Cleveland this year. District Chief Operating Officer Dan Burns says the school features many new technology features that will enhance learning in the computer age. Multiple cameras are built in to enhance safety of students and staff. Some students say the bright, new atmosphere should help keep them focused on learning and staying out of trouble. In a district struggling with academic, safety and financial challenges, John Adams is where many hope the past meets a brighter future.

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We are live at John Hay High School. A lot of work and money went into the newly renovated John Hay High School which has been closed for the past three years. There are actually three schools within this building: the School of Science and Medicine, the School of Architecture and Design and the School of Early College. About \$40 million of renovation went into the new John Hay, and it has state of the art everything.

Cleveland's new superintendent welcomed each and every student from around the city that had to apply to get into this school. Students have to submit an application. Letters of recommendation are required in many cases. There is an interview that is required for admission and in some cases we have a parent requirement as far as active participation.

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This morning a big yellow Cleveland school bus served as a symbol of hope. Our I-Team showed in a recent report the problems with the school bus system in Cleveland, and that whole scandal played a significant role in the demise of Sanders' predecessor, Barbara Byrd-Bennett. The I-team's Tom Merriman joins us with a first impression of Dr. Eugene Sanders. He has turned around an underperforming, urban school district before and he feels he can do it again. In order to be successful, Dr. Sanders will need everybody to get on the bus.

With a bright smile and an air of confidence, Dr. Sanders kicked off the new school year with a photo opportunity full of unintended irony taking a bumpy ride on what has become a symbol of waste and mismanagement in the Cleveland schools. In an early morning meeting with transportation staff, Sanders made it clear he will demand the highest level of customer service.

At the height of the school bus scandal, the district paid a private firm \$50,000 to review efficiency in the transportation department. Their report recommended changes which could bring the district nearly \$2 million in cost savings. Dr. Sanders says he's reviewed the proposals, but will delay a decision until he's consulted with district staff and unions affected by the reforms.

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A day before the first day of school, Cleveland school leaders talk about how they'll make sure students are safe. Last school year was not a good one for some Cleveland schools. New Cleveland schools CEO Dr. Eugene Sanders and local law enforcement officials unveiled their plan for keeping students safe in class and to and from school. The plan includes having more police departments watching out for kids during school hours, including RTA and CMHA police. Police and school officials will also continue conducting security sweeps.

Michael McGrath, Cleveland Police Chief says "We will conduct our curfew details, we will monitor the corners, and not only will we be watching the children, but we will be making sure that there's no predators, etc. and other people out there to interfere with their way of life going to school."

The school district has also established a 24-hour hotline that anyone can call with security tips or concerns. The number is 216-771-safe. Cleveland school security officers will also soon have arrest powers, even off of school grounds.

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News August 24, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:20 Local
It's been 15 years since the district closed John Adams High School. The district's new CEO, Dr. Eugene Sanders was at the new school to personally meet and greet students and parents at the new John Adams High School. The multi million dollar facility has 40 classrooms and can hold more than 1300 students. There are also computers on every floor and state of the art security around the building. District leaders hope the new building will represent a new beginning for students and their effort to work harder and achieve higher.

John Adams is one of two new schools opened in the district this year. Security will also be a very big part of the district's plan for success. District police and Cleveland police will work closely together to monitor any violence or criminal activity around schools district wide.

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News September 13, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:18 Local
Cleveland police are called to a high school that has had its share of trouble in recent years. Officers were called because of what school's CEO Eugene Sanders says was an altercation between students. About a dozen boys and girls, grades 9 to 12, were brawling in a hallway. There was an altercation in the neighborhood last night, where an adult person was shot and the repercussions of those interactions spilled over into the school this morning. Neither Sanders, nor Cleveland police had details about the shooting. Sanders said there were no guns at East Tech but he makes clear he will not let violence interfere with education. Such incidents will be dealt with which in this case means suspension and possible expulsion for some students involved in today's fight. We're told they could face aggravated rioting charges.

News September 28, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
A security guard from a Cleveland school is on the other side of the law tonight after police bust him with crack cocaine. Police say he was selling it. Ronnie Green was working as a security guard at the Whitney Young School. He was employed by the school district for 16 years. Police arrested him at his home on Tuesday after he was caught with more than 600 rocks of crack cocaine. Investigators say they arranged for several buys at the location. As a result of the investigation detectives went to his home with a search warrant. They confiscated more than an 8th of a kilo of crack, a half an ounce of powdered cocaine, a firearm and \$6400 in cash. He is in federal custody tonight. When he was arrested he was wearing his school security guard uniform. School leaders say this kind of behavior has no place in the district.

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CRIME

Issue: Police Officer Killed

News August 31, 2006 10:00PM TRT 6:39 Local
We have a series of reports tonight, including an exclusive I-Team investigation into the alleged gunman. We begin at the scene of the crime of the murder of this young husband, father and officer. A memorial has been created here at the scene of the crime. Cleveland police patrolman Jonathan Schroeder is part of a team of 12 officers attempting to arrest 37-year-old Wilson Santiago who is wanted on charges of rape and burglary. When officers go to Santiago's home on West 98th Street near Madison, Jonathan Schroeder, a Kent State graduate known as AJ, is the first member of the entry team to reach the door. Investigators say Wilson Santiago fired his gun through the door. Officer Schroeder was wearing a bullet proof vest but one of the bullets

struck him under his armpit and pierced his heart. He was later pronounced dead at Metro Health Medical Center. Police surround the house and a short time later Santiago surrenders.

Patrolman Schroeder is survived by his wife Amy and his ten-month-old son Eric. Those who worked with Schroeder will always remember his professionalism, can do attitude and ever present smile. Friends and neighbors will always remember his dedication to his family. Anyone who would like to help the family can send donations to the Jonathan Schroeder Memorial Fund in care of the Cleveland Police Credit Union at 2301 Payne Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44114.

The Fox 8 I-Team's Tom Merriman has uncovered the details of Santiago's criminal background. At today's press conference, Commander Ed Tomba called it a high risk arrest. An I-Team computer database search turned up details of Wilson Santiago's extensive criminal record stretching twenty years and covering two states.

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Cleveland police detective Jonathan Schroeder was killed yesterday trying to serve a warrant. His accused killer, Wilson Santiago, was charged with aggravated murder, aggravated burglary and rape. Police say Santiago shot through a door, hitting the detective in a spot, under his armpit, not protected by his bulletproof vest. Santiago was arrested a short time later.

Community tributes are pouring in tonight for officer Schroeder. This is the spot where officer Schroeder was shot, marked by a makeshift memorial. It's a measure of how highly Schroeder was regarded that community activists say they lost not just a neighborhood cop but a friend. News of Schroeder's death was a sucker punch to people who worked closely with first district police to make their neighborhood safer.

Father John Cregan is not only the Cleveland police chaplain but he was the Schroeder family's parish priest. He's not surprised at the community outpouring. He says people have been dropping off donations for Schroeder's wife and infant son at Our Lady of Angels church. Father Cregan says one way the community can show its gratitude for Schroeder's sacrifice is to remember the dangers facing all safety forces.

The community vigil for officer Schroeder will take place tomorrow night from 5-7pm at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. It's sponsored by the Local Faith Community, Cudell Improvement and Councilman Jay Westbrook.

Jonathan Schroeder died from a single gunshot wound despite wearing a bullet-proof vest. That fact has some wondering just how much protection these vests provide. Any police officer will tell you they save lives, but they'll also tell you that no vest protects completely. They're a Cleveland police officer's first line of defense in stopping a bullet and required equipment anytime an officer is on duty.

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News September 2, 2006 6:00PM TRT 4:15 Local
 On the same day the man accused of killing Cleveland police detective Jonathan Schroeder makes his first court appearance, the fallen officer is honored at a community vigil. This prayer vigil is a way for them to show support for Schroeder's family and to thank all Cleveland police officers for the dangerous job they do.

Wilson Santiago, the man accused of fatally shooting officer Schroeder Thursday, appeared in court for the first time this morning. It was standing room only as 37 year old Santiago was led into a courtroom filled with Cleveland police officers. County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Kenny recalled the slain officer's virtue, and he asked the judge to hold Santiago without bond. He's charged with aggravated murder, aggravated burglary and rape. An ex-con with a record of violent crime, Santiago won't be on the streets again anytime soon. Judge Emanuella Groves granted the state's request for no bond on the murder charge and \$400,000 bond for the rape and burglary charges.

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News	September 4, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:41	Local

News September 4, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:10 Local
 Visiting hours are tomorrow for a Cleveland police detective killed in the line of duty. His suspected killer is in jail tonight and is likely to stay there for some time. Detective Schroeder's fellow officers filled the courtroom. They were grateful that the judge denied bond for Santiago, who is charged with aggravated murder, as well as burglary and rape.

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News September 5, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:03 Local
 Visiting hours are underway at the funeral home for Cleveland patrolman Jonathan Schroeder. The wake is being held at Rippepi Funeral Home on Bagley. This is one of the few facilities in the area large enough to accommodate the hundreds of officers expected to come and pay their respects. A line formed before calling hours even started around two this afternoon. Visiting hours for Detective Schroeder are open to the public.

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News September 6, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:49 Local
 It was an amazing outpouring of support as police officers from nearly the entire state and Canada showed up for Detective Schroeder's funeral. It took a little more than an hour to celebrate the life of a man who lived 37 years. The funeral procession stretched a mile long but for the people in the procession their pain is immeasurable.

Cards and condolences are collected at the door step where Schroeder's life took a tragic twist. Today there was one last thank you, one last stand in his honor. A wall of blue pride, a wall of blue brotherhood stood guard awaiting the detectives' arrival. For a moment everyone paused, looked, and listened as the hearse arrived. Busy downtown Cleveland had suddenly become graveyard quiet. You can help the detective's family by donating to The Jonathan Schroeder Memorial Fund.

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News September 8, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:59 Local
 Officer Jonathan Schroeder was a beloved father, husband, and Cleveland police detective. Today his closest friends said goodbye for the final time. Tonight he is at peace and at rest in his hometown of Monroeville, Pennsylvania. This is where the young detective grew up, and this is where he now rests.

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News September 13, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
 A week after his funeral, union leaders are questioning whether or not Cleveland detective Jonathan Schroeder's death could have been prevented. The Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association said today without a doubt the SWAT team should have served the warrant to arrest Wilson Santiago at his home. If that had that happened the union believes Detective Schroeder would be alive today.

At a news conference today, Union President Steve Loomis says the man who shot and killed Detective Schroeder was considered high risk. Loomis maintains the SWAT team should have been used to carry out the warrant because they're better equipped, but when a lieutenant requested SWAT, Loomis says he was told no because of overtime concerns.

Today, we also learned that Detective Schroeder knocked on Wilson Santiago's door for at least a minute. The union believes that within that minute Santiago was able to identify who was at the door and get his gun. The union says had SWAT been on hand, they would've rushed the door and things would have been different.

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News September 14, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:15 Local
 Indictments have just been handed down against the man accused of gunning down Cleveland police detective Jonathan Schroeder. Prosecutors make it very clear the number one goal of this indictment is to make sure the killer pays for the crime with his own life.

Wilson Santiago will be a dead man walking if he's convicted on any one of a number of charges he faces for killing Cleveland Detective Schroeder. One of the death penalty specifications is based on a law enacted after the 1996 murder of Cleveland patrolman Hilary Cudnik, which states if you kill a police officer, you die. Prosecutor Bill Mason says he will do everything in his power to make sure Santiago has a date with the state of Ohio's needle.

Meanwhile, Cleveland's police chief is refuting claims by the Patrolmen's Union that the SWAT team was not called in to arrest Santiago because of concerns about overtime. The chief questions the union's decision to turn the murder of Schroeder into a game of political hardball. Included in today's indictment are charges that Wilson Santiago raped a Cleveland woman. It was that crime that led police to his door on the night of the shooting.

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News September 16, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:45 Local
 We've seen a lot of rallies that question police procedures. A local radio host decided it was time to see the other side of things. WTAM's Bob Frantz broadcast live from Gateway Plaza Saturday afternoon. He said he was angry about anti-police protests which have targeted the use of deadly force by officers. Retired Cleveland police chief Ed Kovacic says anti-police activists can hurt morale and they do not represent the majority. The rally also honored officers killed in the line of duty.

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News September 19, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:50 Local
 New details are surfacing about the suspect accused of fatally shooting Cleveland police officer Jonathan Schroeder. He may have made his own call to 911. A man believed to be shooting suspect Wilson Santiago made a call from this house around the time officer Schroeder died from bullets fired through the front door into the yard. The call was placed on August 30 before officer Schroeder lay fatally wounded. Three officers with Detective Schroeder had returned fire but Wilson Santiago, the suspected gunman, did not immediately surrender. Police had a warrant for Santiago's arrest. He's believed to be the caller, since it came from Santiago's address and he was alone in the house. The caller says "somebody's shooting at the door". Ironically, he stays on the line even after the central dispatcher connects the call to a Cleveland police dispatcher. The call abruptly ends at that point. We were not able to reach Santiago's defense attorney for comment. This much is certain. Before Detective Schroeder was shot, the call was placed, and the murder weapon was hidden in a heating duct. Then Santiago surrendered. He's charged with aggravated murder and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

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Issue: Lundgren Execution

News August 24, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:00 Local
 An execution date is set for the mastermind behind one of the most heinous mass murders in Northeast Ohio. Fox 8 news reporter Belinda Prinz reported on the case at the time, and she has new details. In 1989, Jeffrey Lundgren led a religious cult in Kirtland. He convinced followers to help him kidnap and execute a family of five people, including three children. The Ohio Supreme Court scheduled Lundgren's execution for October 8.

Lundgren was convicted in Lake County of masterminding the deaths of Dennis and Cheryl Avery and their three daughters. The family was invited to dinner, and then led to the barn of the cult's rented home. The victims were shot and buried in a pit in the barn. Lundgren was dismissed from the RLDS, the reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and founded a splinter group.

Kirtland police found the bodies in 1990. Lundgren's wife Alice and son Damon were convicted along with several other followers but they were spared the death penalty. The sensational case brought national attention to Kirtland. Patrolman Ron Andolsek was one of the first to find the bodies. Congressman Steve Latourette catapulted into fame after prosecuting Lundgren and his cult. Both say it's time for justice.

We covered Lundgren's trial and also interviewed him after his conviction. At the time, Lundgren said confidently he believed he would escape the death penalty. We'll hear some of that interview on Fox 8 news at six.

News August 24, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:38 Local
 It was nearly two decades ago when a self-proclaimed prophet led his followers to a shocking execution. In January 1990, the discovery of five bodies in a Kirtland barn shocked Northeast Ohio and the nation. The victims Dennis Avery, his wife and three daughters were shot and buried in the barn 10 months earlier. A jury convicted Lundgren and he was sentenced to the death penalty. After a run of appeals and delays, the Ohio Supreme Court has now set October 10 as the date for Lundgren's execution.

The murders gave unwanted attention to Kirtland. Jeff Howell now lives on the property the cult rented. He found reminders of the past, photos of the Lundgrens, books that belonged to the young victims, and other things he'd rather not have.

Lundgren claimed he had divine orders to slaughter the Averys because they were sinful. But investigators say the prophet act was a front for greed so he could take his followers money. When we interviewed Lundgren in 1990, he predicted then the death penalty would not be carried out. Lundgren is on death row in the prison in Lucasville. 12 other people were convicted for their role in the conspiracy but investigators say it was Lundgren who pulled the trigger on all the victims.

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News September 26, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
 Lundgren says he's found redemptive love and is now asking the state to spare him from the death penalty. Lundgren himself was not present. His appointed attorney outlined reasons the Ohio Parole Authority should recommend to Governor Bob Taft for sparing Lundgren's life. Attorney Henry Hilow suggested mercy because Lundgren's religious belief at the time was

based on a god who demanded retribution. Hilow says Lundgren has changed in prison and follows a god of redemptive love. Hilow also argued the insanity defense was not used and Lundgren, the leader, could not have carried out the execution style slayings without other members of his cult.

Attorneys for Ohio, Lake County and the niece of victim Cheryl Avery argued passionately Lundgren needs to pay for his crimes. The Parole Authority will draft a report by Friday. Their recommendation to the governor is expected on Monday. Lundgren exhausted his court appeals. His execution date is rescheduled for October 24.

News September 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:26 Local
16 years after his conviction, Lundgren has run out of court appeals. Clemency is about his last hope to avoid a date with the needle. His attorney argued to the Parole Board today that Lundgren's changed religious beliefs should earn him a chance to live.

Under sharp questioning from the Parole Board court appointed attorney Henry Hilow argued Jeffrey Lundgren's religious beliefs led him astray. In 1989 he was the leader of a breakaway sect from the RLDS church. With their help, he shot Dennis and Cheryl Avery and their three young daughters. Lundgren was not present at the hearing.

Assistant Lake County Prosecutor Karen Kowall helped Steve Latourette, now a congressman, prosecute Lundgren. Kowall and the Attorney General's office also dismissed Hilow's contention that Lundgren's trial attorneys failed him by not using an insanity defense. Psychologists at the time found he was not legally insane. If you add it all up, Lundgren's case was reviewed by 43 judges in state and federal courts. All have rejected his appeals. Unless Governor Bob Taft agrees to clemency, Lundgren is scheduled to die by lethal injection on October 24.

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ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH

Issue: Mosquitos – West Nile

On July 18, the West Nile Virus surfaced in Ohio for the first time this year. A dead bird found in Willowick tested positive for the disease. More than 700 dead birds have been tested for West Nile in Ohio this year. No human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported so far.

News July 31, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:20 Local
Mosquitoes and the threat of West Nile are major concerns after the nasty flooding. The Lake County Board of Health is sending out mosquito crews at a mobile home park in Perry. The pools of water are perfect spots for mosquito eggs to hatch. Just remember to make sure to dump out any water that collected in tires and other dark, damp spots around your home and lawn.

News August 9, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:47 Local
The rain and flooding in our area this summer has created concerns about mosquitoes transmitting diseases. Tonight a woman is recovering from a suspected case of encephalitis. Jeanette Bruno's family says she was bitten several times by an aggressive swarm of mosquitoes Sunday. Tonight she is in isolation at a local hospital suffering from what her family says may be a mosquito born virus. Living in rural Medina County, Rick Bruno says he and his family love being outdoors. Sunday, however, the mosquitoes seemed particularly brutal. It was so bad, Rick says his wife Jeanette went indoors to get away from them, and it wasn't long before she started feeling ill. Jeanette is recovering at a local hospital where she is in isolation tonight and everything points to mosquitoes as the cause of her illness.

Monday the family's veterinarian was the first to suspect encephalitis, a swelling of the brain, a virus that many times is transmitted by mosquitoes. Donald Stewart of the Medina County Health Department says tests of mosquitoes across Ohio this summer have not revealed any increase in the number of mosquitoes carrying viruses related to encephalitis or West Nile. Flooding in some communities may have increased the mosquito population, and the more mosquitoes, the greater the chance for them to become a problem.

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Two weeks after devastating flood waters hit Lake County, residents now have to worry about mosquitoes. A number of those mosquitoes have tested positive for the West Nile Virus and residents are being warned that they could be at risk.

To fight the mosquitoes, authorities recommend that you get rid of tin cans, old tires, and other items that may collect standing water. If you have a bird bath or fountain, the water should be changed at least once a week, and always use mosquito repellent. There's not much that can be done about puddles of standing water, and two weeks after the flooding there are still quite a few of those.

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News	August 21, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:07	Local
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The year's first human case of the West Nile Virus in Ohio has been reported, and now the discovery of a dead bird with the same virus has local authorities on alert. The human case of the virus involves a two-year-old girl outside Toledo. The dead bird was found in Medina County and that has led to a warning for residents. The employees of the Medina County Health Department are a setting a trap for mosquitoes.

There are ways residents can help protect themselves and their neighbors. This has been the lowest number of human cases of West Nile Virus in Ohio in more than five years. That two-year-old girl near Toledo is now recovering from the virus.

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News	August 22, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local

News	August 28, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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A local man from Strongsville is recovering tonight from West Nile. Health officials say the man had West Nile fever. It's the same illness as West Nile virus only it hasn't gotten to the brain. Symptoms are about the same, loss of appetite, headache, fever and overall feeling terrible. If you had to get West Nile, the fever is the better way to go. Most people, even if they're bitten by an infected mosquito, don't get sick. Those who do are looking at a long road to recovery, possibly months.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is trapping mosquitoes in the area where the man lives to see if they need to spray.

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News September 6, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:20 Local
More than a dozen new West Nile infestations have been found in Lake County. While overall mosquito counts have been dropping, West Nile has been found in the county since 2001, and people are encouraged to get rid of any standing water.

News September 15, 2006 5:00PM TRT 0:20 Local
The West Nile virus has turned deadly in northeast Ohio. The Cleveland Department of Health says a 79 year old man from the east side of Cleveland has died. He had been in the hospital with West Nile symptoms since August 31 and passed away earlier this week.

HEALTH/SAFETY

Issue: E. coli

State health officials have confirmed E. coli infections in seven people in Ohio. All have eaten bagged spinach. They have the same strain of the disease that has made dozens of people sick in several states. The FDA says one person has died in Wisconsin and at least 50 others across the country are sick. Nobody knows the cause of the outbreak or why bagged spinach caused it. If you have bagged spinach at home, don't try to wash it. That won't fix the problem. Throw it away.

News September 15, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:25 Local/FOX
A potentially deadly E. coli outbreak has reached Ohio. The state is reporting at least seven people became sick after eating bagged spinach. Nationally, at least one person has died after eating the leafy green vegetable. Health Department officials tell us there are now three confirmed cases of E. coli in Cuyahoga County and local grocery stores are now reacting.

Fresh, bagged spinach is being blamed for a nationwide E. coli outbreak. In Wisconsin one person has died, and in multiple other states, dozens of people are sick. In Ohio there are seven reported cases, including three in the Cleveland area.

The three local E. coli cases are all women, between the ages of 22 and 60. Two were hospitalized and the 60 year old woman is still in the hospital. Health officials aren't sure where the women got the spinach, whether it was at a grocery store or restaurant. Nationally officials believe the tainted spinach is from California, but that's about all they know.

At Giant Eagle stores all fresh bagged spinach, and all bagged salad containing baby spinach, has been removed from store shelves. At Heinen's, all fresh spinach of any kind has been pulled, including any meat items that may have contained spinach. At Tops stores and Daves supermarkets, all fresh spinach of any kind has been removed. Health officials say washing and even cooking the spinach may not kill the bacteria.

Symptoms of E. coli are severe abdominal cramps and a low grade fever. If you've recently eaten fresh spinach, and are experiencing any symptoms, contact your doctor immediately. Health officials say it can take anywhere from two to ten days to experience an outbreak.

Additional reports

News September 15, 2006 6:00PM TRT 3:04 Local

News September 15, 2006 10:00PM TRT 3:09 Local/FOX
One person is dead and at least 100 more are sick after a major multi-state spinach scare. Tonight health officials say spinach from Natural Selection Foods, out of California, caused this major E. coli outbreak. 19 states are now reporting cases. In Cuyahoga County three women are sick with E. coli and local grocery stores and restaurants are yanking spinach from their shelves. Half of the cases are in Wisconsin where one person has died, but the E. coli scare is spreading across the country.

E. coli is usually found in undercooked meat, and it's common to find the bacteria in animal manure which could be a cause of this outbreak. At Dave's Supermarket in Shaker Square all spinach was removed from store shelves and other local grocery stores also got rid of spinach.

E. coli can be deadly and lead to kidney failure, but symptoms typically include severe abdominal cramps and diarrhea and a low grade fever. You'll usually get these symptoms within two to ten days after being exposed to the bacteria. Health officials say the E. coli outbreak came from bagged spinach from Natural Selection Foods of California and is sold under about 32 different brands. If you have any questions, you can call 800-690-3200 for more information. If you have any of the E. coli symptoms, contact your doctor immediately. Health officials are continuing to investigate.

News	September 16, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:35	Local/CNN
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The warning still applies. Stay away from spinach which could be tainted with a toxic form of E. coli. There's growing concern tonight about what public health officials knew and when they knew it. After a death linked to contaminated spinach, Wisconsin officials notified the Federal Food and Drug Administration. That was on Wednesday. On Thursday the FDA advised consumers to avoid eating bagged spinach only and stores began pitching bagged product. By Friday the warning was expanded to include all fresh spinach. Local public health agencies were formally notified for the first time and some were irritated the alert didn't come sooner.

By Saturday some vendors at Cleveland's West Side Market are still selling and some customers are still buying spinach, not aware of the latest advisory. This is despite the fact three people in northeast Ohio were hospitalized with E. coli infections. The FDA traced some of the cases in 19 states to brands sold by Natural Selection Foods. They stopped short of ordering a recall. The company voluntarily decided to recall all spinach and salad mixes that contain it sold under dozens of brand names.

Health officials are also scrambling to warn consumers washing may not be enough to remove this toxic strain of bacteria. Food scientists say there is growing evidence E. coli may actually survive within a weakened or damaged plant itself. The best advice the FDA says for now is to avoid eating raw spinach. If you have any questions, you can call 800-690-3200 for more information.

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News	September 17, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:46	CNN
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The E. coli spinach outbreak has over 100 confirmed cases and one death. Ten of those cases are right here in Ohio. The thought of viruses in your food may seem sickening but it has been found out some could keep you healthy. Tourists near Washington's National Mall were surprised to hear the FDA has just approved the limited use of viruses as a food additive. The company getting the FDA approval to use viruses against listeriosis is Intralytix in Baltimore. It has developed a viral spray consisting of several bacteriophages, the types of foods where listeria can breed. The president of a company called Biopharma sees eventual use of viruses in humans to fight disease and infections. The FDA says it was careful, taking four years to approve the plan. It says labels will be required. Intralytix says it expects foods treated with the virus to be on the market within six to nine months.

News	September 18, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:30	Local
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Three local E. coli cases have now been positively linked to a nation-wide outbreak. In the meantime the death of an Ohio toddler could also be related. Health officials in Lorain County say a 24 year old woman who has recovered from E. coli is now one of 109 cases nationwide linked to contaminated spinach. Two others have been confirmed in Cuyahoga County.

The Lorain County Health Department was made aware of its case early last month. Its director of environmental health says genetic testing confirmed the link. Doctors at University Hospitals are also treating an E. coli case in Cleveland where a 60 year old woman is in serious condition. That case has also now been definitely linked to the 19-state outbreak as has another case in Cuyahoga County. Investigators in southern Ohio are awaiting lab tests to see if the death of a 23 month old girl in Guernsey County may be connected. If it is confirmed, the toddler's death would be the second in the nation from the contaminated spinach. Frustrated FDA officials, CDC investigators say they still do not know exactly where the spinach came from.

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News September 19, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:09 Local
 With the number of spinach-related E. coli cases growing across the country, restaurants here are not taking any chances and are keeping it off their menus. The approach these days among restaurants appears to be better to be safe than sorry. Stancato's in Parma is one of those restaurants that has removed anything having to do with spinach from its menu, whether it is raw, or whether it is cooked. Stancato's Family Restaurant has been in the business for three generations, and no one here is willing to risk keeping spinach on the menu.

At Tommys Restaurant in Cleveland Heights, where the menu caters to vegetarian customers, you can still get a cooked spinach pie, but no raw spinach is handled on the premises. The fact now that there are cases in our area that have definitely been linked to spinach contamination only proves that these restaurants are doing the right thing.

Additional reports

News September 19, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:15 Local

News September 22, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 Local/FOX
 A two-year old is dead after eating raw packaged spinach. This is the same type of spinach that caused a nation-wide health warning late last week. That's the connection investigators are still trying to confirm. The child's mother admits he did eat some pre-packaged spinach, before becoming sick. The two-year old became ill at his Utah home, and his doctor quickly rushed him to that state's primary children's hospital in Salt Lake City. Doctors there diagnosed him with a particularly vicious strain of E. coli, one that caused his kidneys to fail. Health officials emphasize that normal E. coli infections typically cause serious diarrhea, but patients usually become better in five to ten days. That is not true of this particular strain. As of now, at least 158 people in 24 states have become sickened by E. coli infections from packaged raw spinach.

News September 22, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:00 Local
 As federal health officials continue to investigate the national E. coli outbreak linked to spinach, important research is taking place in Ohio. Dr. Jeff Lejeune, a professor at Ohio State University's Agricultural Research Center in Wooster, has been studying E. coli for 15 years. Just weeks before the first alerts of E. coli in bagged spinach, Lejeune's team won an important grant. Their mission is to find out how E. coli spreads in plants and how to contain it. There is scientific debate about what makes E. coli bacteria survive in plants, but finding an answer is crucial for our health. Very preliminary results show damaged or weakened crops may harbor E. coli longer. Contamination in livestock is better understood. Only recently have researchers focused on toxic strains in fruits and vegetables. These scientists on the cutting edge hope to take what they learn from the lab to the field. The Ohio State Center in Wooster currently has more than \$7 million dollars in federal funding to study food borne illnesses.

News September 23, 2006 10:00PM TRT 1:53 Local/FOX
 In California a little over a week after bagged spinach was pulled from supermarket shelves due to an E. coli outbreak officials say another product could be causing illness. They've recalled one company's raw milk after a woman claimed it made her child sick. Mark McAfee has no problem drinking the raw milk the state says may contain E. coli. He couldn't believe it when state officials knocked on his door tonight and told him his products were recalled and quarantined.

The investigation began when a southern California mother pointed the finger at the milk after her daughter came down with E. coli. The 10-year old drank raw milk while at her father's girlfriend's house. The girlfriend doesn't think the milk is the problem. She says it's no more than a feud between her and the girl's mother. Meanwhile the state is looking into more than a hundred cases of E. coli seeing if there's a link to raw milk. McAfee points out preliminary tests on the milk came back negative. California state health officials are asking people who bought the milk to toss it.

News September 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:04 CNN
The scare over contaminated spinach is only getting worse. More than 150 are people sick, one person dead, and two more deaths under investigation. Food contamination is all too common. It is not just fresh spinach that could get you sick. Every year dozens of food items that end up on store shelves are potentially deadly. In fact the current list of recalled food over just the last 60 days includes more than a dozen items. There's beef with E. coli, sprouts with salmonella and botulism in carrot juice. Food industry experts acknowledge there's a growing concern that more people will get sick before they figure out what's going wrong.

In some cases the cause is identified, and the problem is corrected, but many times, like in the current spinach outbreak of E. coli the cause isn't clear. While FDA investigators search spinach fields for clues in the current E. coli case, the industry is hoping there isn't another significant outbreak involving another food product.

Joe Pezzini helps oversee thousands of acres of crops in central California, including this 200 acre plot of spinach which because of the E. coli scare most likely will be destroyed. Growers and food producers are working with federal health agencies on new safety precautions. The problem is that until someone figures out what's causing the outbreaks, it might not be possible to prevent more people from getting sick.

News September 25, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:02 FOX
Health investigators think they may have found the smoking gun in E. coli tainted spinach scare. Health investigators said last week finding the source of the spinach-linked E. coli outbreak would be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. Two tainted bags of Dole spinach may be the key to unlocking this health mystery. One bag was found in Utah and the other in New Mexico. The two bags were packaged on the same shift and same day and that's exactly what investigators were looking for. The investigation remains focused on Natural Selection Foods which officials believe packaged the tainted spinach for Dole and dozens of other brands. They're looking specifically at nine farms in three counties in California's Salinas Valley region. Those farms supplied the company with leafy greens.

The contamination has sickened at least 175 people in 25 states. One death is known to be linked to bad spinach. Two others are being investigated. The outbreak caused store owners across the country to pull fresh spinach off shelves. Food packaging companies like this one in Portland Oregon recalled all products containing spinach.

Although the FDA has recommended people not eat fresh raw spinach, they say spinach grown anywhere outside California's Salinas Valley is safe to eat. At last count there were 19 cases of E. coli in Ohio, two of them in Cuyahoga County.

Additional reports

News September 26, 2006 6:00PM TRT 2:00 FOX

News September 29, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:45 CNN/Local
Two children have now become sick from E. coli, but not from eating spinach. Apparently they became sick from drinking raw milk. It happened in Washington State, and has been traced to a small dairy there. The most serious case is a 5-year old boy who is still hospitalized, and an 8-year old girl who is recovering at home. The children are in different counties, but both had milk from the Grace Harbor Farms Dairy. Grace Harbor sells its raw, unpasteurized milk, to natural food stores around the state. The owner of the farm says they typically produce 200 gallons of cow and goat milk every week, and have passed all required health inspections.

The state of Ohio only allows pasteurized milk to be sold for human consumption. Are E. coli infections from raw milk relatively rare? Well, raw milk is always risky. The state of Washington had another 18 people get sick in December, but that milk was from an unlicensed dairy farm.

Additional reports

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LOCAL ECONOMY

Issue: Gas Prices

News	July 2, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
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Whether it is plane, train, or automobile, gas prices are higher. This holiday weekend anyone traveling by car or SUV will notice a spike at the pump. On the busiest travel holiday weekend of the summer, gas prices are reaching and in some cases resting at \$3 a gallon. AAA says July 4 travel is up by almost 2% compared to last year. Still we came across people who kicked their travel plans to the curb. AAA says prices at the pump will increase this holiday weekend because of high demand and a recent spike in crude prices. AAA predicts 40 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more this holiday weekend.

Additional reports

News	July 3, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 3, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:02	Local

News	July 6, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
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Many stations hit \$3 a gallon yesterday and it was not uncommon around Cuyahoga County to find many stations that jumped over that price. You would think that since the Fourth of July holiday is over, the prices might go down, however, since the fourth was on Tuesday many people have the whole week off, so any decline might wait until next week. Also, there is higher demand for gas right now, more summer vacations, and more people driving in general. This happens every summer.

BP blames part of it on a more aggressive attitude by the Venezuelan government, which forced the renegotiation of contracts on three of BP's oil fields in Venezuela. It is believed that BP was forced to give up about two-thirds of the oil the fields were producing, handing it instead to the state-owned oil company.

Additional reports

News	July 6, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	July 6, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	July 6, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	July 6, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	July 6, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	July 6, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	July 6, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local

News	July 6, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:00	Local
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In general, there is higher demand for gas right now, more summer vacations, and more people driving longer distances. Another reason we hear for rising gas prices is because talks between Iran and the European union broke down yesterday over Iran's nuclear power. That caused the cost of crude oil to rise to over \$75 a barrel, and why you are seeing \$3.00 a gallon plus here in northeast Ohio.

Most motorists we talked with say they do look for the cheapest prices. If there is a big difference from pump to pump, many people will wait in a longer line to save some cash.

Additional reports

News	July 6, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:30	Local
News	July 6, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 1:30	Local
News	July 6, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:27	Local

News July 25, 2006 5:00PM TRT 1:25 Local
 With gas prices sky rocketing any price break has customers flocking to that location. People are lining up to save all they can at a Citgo in Berea. Saving 17 cents a gallon had customers lining up this morning. The Citgo in Berea is \$2.92 and the gas will remain at that price throughout the evening. People from all over town were filling up not knowing just how high gas prices may climb.

Another way to save money starting this Thursday Giant Eagle will start offering 20 cents per gallon fuel perks instead of 10 cents per gallon.

Additional reports

News July 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local

News July 25, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:27 Local
 Giant Eagle is trying to help keep gas prices down. If you spend \$50 at Giant Eagle, you get 10 cents off a gallon of fuel at their Get Go stations. But because of high gas prices, the perks are about to get even better. Starting Thursday, the grocery store chain will double its fuel perks rewards. That means, for every \$50 you spend, you will now get 20 cents off per gallon.

Giant Eagle hopes this is a win-win situation, more business for them and more money off gas for you. The double fuel perks rewards start Thursday and will run through September 6. A new get-go station is about to open Thursday on Center Ridge Road in Westlake.

Additional reports

News July 30, 2006 8:00AM TRT 2:38 Local

News July 27, 2006 Noon TRT 1:15 Local
 Exxon Mobile announced it earned more than ten billion dollars in the second quarter, not a record but pretty close. In any case, that's 36% above profits from a year ago. There's no shortage in supply according to OPEC. Oil companies say the cost of manufacturing has gone up because of new environmental requirements. There's also a drop in production in places like Venezuela and Iraq. On top of that storms knocked out a refinery in Missouri. This sounds like a lot of excuses to the drivers we talked to.

Additional reports

News July 27, 2006 5:00PM TRT 2:10 Local
 News July 27, 2006 6:00PM TRT 1:58 Local

News August 8, 2006 6:00PM TRT 3:10 FOX
 The gas prices are making everyone take a closer look at how many miles your car gets. If you're shopping around, remember that those numbers on the sticker don't mean a whole lot. To beat high gas prices, drivers turn to high mileage vehicles. A recent study proves are wrong. you're likely not getting the gas mileage the manufacturer said you would. The Environmental Protection Agency, which tests for gas efficiency, estimates a 2004 Chevy Trailblazer will get between 15 and 21 miles per gallon. When AAA tested it, the vehicle actually got much less, just 13.6 miles per gallon.. AAA says it's because for the last two decades EPA has been conducting its tests not on the street, but in a pristine laboratory setting with no start and stop traffic, no running of the air conditioning, etc. That's not the way we drive today.

AAA did its own research by driving on busy highways in start and stop traffic, going up hills, and in adverse conditions. Their numbers were much different than the EPA's. This has forced the EPA to change its testing methods for the first time in more than 20 years, and taking real world driving conditions into account. The tests still won't be done on the street. They'll still be done in a lab by the auto makers.

News August 25, 2006 6:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
 In the past week gas prices in northeast Ohio have dropped an average of 11 cents which is up six cents from this time last year. Shell Oil Company President John Hofmeister was in Cleveland speaking about the world's energy supply and its connection to national security. Shell was among the oil companies posting huge profits this year. Hofmeister says that money goes right back into the company to produce more oil.

That explanation is a tough sell for independent retailers like Steve Ali. Ali would like to see some of that profit passed onto to retailers so they can pass it onto consumers. Hofmeister says that would only work in the short term. Neither agrees on the cause of the pain at the pump, but both say finding alternative energy is part of the long term solution. Hofmeister says conservation is also part of the solution. He says if Americans cut gas consumption by just 5% he believes prices would drop dramatically in 2 to 3 months.

News	August 31, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:40	Local
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In one community, lines started forming as prices really take a nose dive. A couple of gas stations in Mentor are really slugging it out. Regular was going for \$2.19 a gallon and that certainly caught the attention of drivers. Just a few days ago a gas station selling regular for \$2.59 would have been jammed. Not anymore

Ernesto fizzled out in the gulf. There was no disruption in oil drilling or oil refining. Ernesto is gaining strength now, but again, the gulf was spared. A spokesperson for Speedway declined to issue a forecast for gasoline prices, but she told us the Mentor price dropped so low because of a very competitive situation there on Route 615.

Additional reports

News	August 31, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	August 31, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	September 1, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	FOX/Local
News	September 2, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	FOX
News	September 3, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 1:45	FOX
News	September 4, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:36	FOX
News	September 4, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	FOX

News	September 5, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
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No need to get your eyes checked as you drive through Canton. The gas there is the cheapest in the nation. Ohio already has the lowest prices, but several stations in Massillon are selling as low as \$2.25 a gallon. AAA says that's 40 cents less than the national average. Compared to post hurricane prices, the relief seems long overdue. Still, not everyone sees this as a good thing. AAA says high supply and low demand is driving prices down. It helps that it's been an easy hurricane season in the Gulf of Mexico.

Additional reports

News	September 6, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 6, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	September 7, 2006	Noon	TRT 1:45	Local
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Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. If you're still traveling and you're in Ohio, you're in the right spot. Ohio is ranked among the lowest when it comes to the price of gas. Analysts say the end of the summer driving season coupled with favorable weather are helping to keep the prices down, and they should remain low through the rest of the year.

News	September 15, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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High gas prices and slumping sales are blamed for Ford Motor Company cuts that threaten more than 2400 Ohio jobs. In a closed circuit address to Ford employees today, company executives stressed the need to cull a thousand hourly jobs, and said an additional 10,000 salaried employees could be forced out involuntarily if that is what it takes. The Cleveland plants are not on the list of those Ford intends to close but employees here are among thousands being offered an incentive to leave. The company's casting plant in Maumee, and a component plant in Sandusky are closing, with a combined total of nearly 2400 jobs

Ford says its share of the US market has been slipping rapidly, and the company expects the slide to continue through 2008. A number of long time employees in Cleveland are willing to consider the buyout. To the older guys and those with seniority that were going it is just an extra little bonus, but it will help the people there with less time

Additional reports

News	September 15, 2006	6:00PM	TRT 2:39	Local
News	September 15, 2006	10:00PM	TRT 2:11	Local

News September 25, 2006 10:00PM TRT 2:37 Local
 Gasoline is now under \$2 a gallon around our area. We're in Parma, at Snow and Ridge, where regular is a \$1.98 a gallon. It is no gimmick that gas is dropping to prices most people never thought they would ever see again. You would think they were giving it away.

For the seventh week in a row, gasoline prices are dropping, actually plummeting here, when you consider the average US retail price is \$2.38 cents a gallon. Across northeast Ohio you can find unleaded regular below \$2. The Energy Department believes retail prices could fall an additional 23-cents per gallon by mid October, settling at around \$1.70. Most everyone has their own idea of why it is happening. The government says the cost of crude oil is a huge factor, and crude is coming down. Conspiracy theorists believe politics is also to blame, with a November election nearing, but the White House flatly denies it has that kind of influence.

Additional reports

News	September 26, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	September 26, 2006	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	September 26, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	September 26, 2006	6:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	September 26, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	September 26, 2006	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	September 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 26, 2006	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 26, 2006	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 26, 2006	5:00PM	TRT 2:07	Local

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public service announcements were aired for the organizations listed below during the third quarter of 2006.

American Acad. of Orthopedic Science	Kaiser
American Dental Association	Love Fore Dignity
American Indian College Fund	MS Society
American Red Cross	March of Dimes
Anderson	Matchsticks
Believe in Cleveland	Mentor
Blanket Sunday	OAB In Their Own Words
Books for Blood	Ohio Reads
Broadway Autism	Open Childs Mind
Canine Fun Days	Pancreatic Cancer
Car Seat	Partners for a Drug-Free America-Various
Community Shares	Post Filing Notice
Drink Prevention	Precious Cargo
FBL – Character	Save Manatee
FOX V Chip	Suicide Prevention
FOX TV Ratings	Twice Upon a Time
Girls & Boys Town	USDT
Healthy Lifestyles and Disease Prevention	Warehouse Street Fest
Here Kitty Kitty	Wellness Walk
Hurricane Salvation Army	Wine Opener
Imagine	Writing
Journey of Hope	

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECTS
July, August, September 2006

AMERICAN RED CROSS JULY 4 BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, July 3 through Wednesday, July 5

FOX 8 sponsored the American Red Cross July 4 Blood Drives Saturday, July 2 through Tuesday, July 5. It was a blood drive event taking place at several area schools/community centers in an effort to increase blood donations during the busy holiday weekend. They also hosted a special event blood drive at the U.S.S. Cod Museum. FOX 8 produced and aired a :10 PSA. The PSA also ran as a paid schedule through Chevy Network Dealers and Tubs. American Red Cross exceeded their expectations for blood donation.

MALONE CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC (Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.)

Monday, July 24

FOX 8 sponsored the Malone Celebrity Golf Classic July 24 at Quail Hollow. Organized by WMJI personality Jimmy Malone, the golf tournament benefits Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc., which provides college scholarships to students in the Greater Cleveland area. FOX 8 produced and aired a :20 and :10 PSA, which asked for sponsorships and donations in addition to promotion on the website. FOX 8 personalities also participated in the tournament, and News ran a story about the event day-of. FOX 8's support helped the tournament raise more than \$120,600, breaking its fund-raising record.

CINEMA AT THE SQUARE (Playhouse Square)

Thursdays-Sundays throughout the month of August

FOX 8 sponsored Cinema at the Square throughout the month of August. Three :30 PSAs were produced to promote the event each week. A :10 PSA was also produced which aired throughout the month of August in addition to coverage on the FOX 8 website.

LOVE FORE DIGNITY TENNIS & GOLF EVENT (The Dignity Project/National Council of Jewish Women)

Monday, August 14

The Love Fore Dignity Tennis & Golf event took place August 14 at the Mayfield Country Club. The event raised more than \$30,000 for "Just My Bag... The Dignity Project," which provides new duffel bags filled with comfort items for children in transition to foster homes. FOX 8 produced and aired a :15 PSA promoting the event, ran a related story in newscasts and provided coverage on the website.

CANINE FUN DAYS AND GREYHOUND REUNION

Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20

FOX 8 sponsored the Thirteenth Annual Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion at Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills. Kenny Crumpton made an appearance at the event in addition to day-of news coverage. A :10 and :20 PSA was produced to promote the event as well as coverage on the FOX 8 website.

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT STREET FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 27

FOX 8 sponsored the Third Annual Warehouse District Street Festival on August 27 on West 6th Street. The event helped to raise public awareness that the Historic Warehouse District is a vibrant and healthy entertainment, commercial, retail and residential neighborhood in downtown Cleveland. It brought people downtown to the Warehouse District from all over Northeast Ohio. FOX 8 produced and aired a :10 PSA promoting the event and provided news coverage the day of the event. FOX 8 personalities also attended the event.

ALLAN "BUZ" ANDERSON BENEFIT

Sunday, September 10

FOX 8 sponsored the first annual Allan "Buz" Anderson Benefit at the Lorain County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 10. Allan "Buz" Anderson, a Wellington Fire District rescue diver, tragically lost his life saving the lives of two teenagers stranded in flood waters earlier this summer. Anderson left behind a wife and four sons. The benefit earned over \$25,000 for the Anderson family. FOX 8 produced a :20 PSA, promoted the event through the website and ran news stories prior to the event. In addition, Bill Martin and Lou Maglio attended the event to represent the station.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S WELLNESS WALK

Saturday, September 23

FOX 8 sponsored the American Heart Association's African American Family Wellness Walk at the Randall Park Mall. The event encouraged African American men, women and children to take charge of their health and learn how to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke. More than 4500 people participated in the walk, a number that grows significantly each year. The event also featured a health fair. FOX 8 produced a :20 and :10 PSA, which also ran on a paid schedule through Chevy Network Dealers. Our health reporter produced a package relating to heart disease, and news teased the event the week prior. Stacey Bell was the celebrity co-chair, and news ran a day-of story.

FOX 8 FLOOD RELIEF

Thursday, August 3

FOX 8 teamed up with the Salvation Army to collect much needed items for flood victims in Ashtabula, Lake and Geauga counties. Among the items collected were bottled water, bleach, paper towels and non-perishable foods. FOX 8 produced a :10 psa, and mentioned the drive in our newscasts and on our website. FOX 8 personalities and employees collected items outside of FOX 8 from 5a.m. – 8p.m. There were enough items collected to fill a high school gymnasium. More than ten, 18-foot trucks were filled.